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## News Tracker ... What's new with old news

## States

**Laci Peterson's murder:** Prosecutors in the Scott Peterson murder trial introduced evidence from dog handlers that authorities claim places his dead wife at the same marina where the former fertilizer salesman said he launched his boat the day he reported her missing.

Prosecutors claim search dogs picked up Laci Peterson's scent at the Berkeley Marina where Peterson launched what he claims was a solo fishing trip on the morning of Dec. 24, 2002 — the day he later would report her wife missing.

**Israel spy case:** Two high-ranking Defense Department officials have been briefed by FBI agents investigating a Pentagon analyst suspected of passing U.S. secrets about Iran to the Israeli government, officials said Monday.

The recent briefings of Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz and Douglas Feith, the undersecretary for policy, could indicate that the yearlong FBI probe is nearing a conclusion. No arrests have been made or charges announced.

The central figure in the investigation is Larry Franklin, a Middle East analyst who works in Feith's office. Franklin was described by law enforcement officials as cooperating with the FBI. He has not responded to telephone messages seeking comment.

**N.J. governor scandal:** A former aide to New Jersey Gov. James E. McGreevey who claims he was sexually harassed by the governor says he won't sue, apparently eliminating the prospect of an embarrassing court fight.

The aide, Golan Cipel, said Monday that McGreevey's resignation announcement was sufficient admission of his wrongdoing and he wished to spare New Jersey taxpayers the financial burden of any damages.

McGreevey, 47, announced Aug. 12 that he is gay and would resign from office Nov. 15 because he had an extramarital affair with a man. A spokesman for the governor said Cipel's announcement came as a surprise.

## World

**Chechen elections:** Russian President Vladimir Putin on Tuesday defended the vote for president of Chechnya as a true reflection of the people's will — despite complaints that the Kremlin-backed candidate who won enjoyed unfair advantages.

"No one can drag people to polling places by force," Putin said. "It is impossible to haul people by the scruff of the neck or by



**Elizabeth Smart kidnapping:** Bryan David Mitchell looks at his attorney, Kimberly Clark, during his competency hearing Tuesday in Salt Lake City. A judge found Mitchell, a homeless man charged with kidnapping Elizabeth Smart, competent to stand trial. Mitchell and wife Wanda Barzee, 58, are charged with kidnapping Smart, 14, from her bedroom at knifepoint in 2002, and keeping her for nine months in Utah and California.

the hair out of their homes."

Alu Alkanov, Chechnya's top police official, won with 74 percent of the vote Sunday, election officials said.

**Russian plane crashes:** In his first extensive comments on last week's near-simultaneous air crashes, Russian President Vladimir Putin said Tuesday that the claim of responsibility by a militant Islamic group shows that fighters in Chechnya have links to international terrorism.

"It's a fact that explosions took place on board two Russian civilian planes," Putin said in televised comments at a news conference. "And if a terrorist organization claimed responsibility for this, and it is linked to al-Qaida, then this confirms a link between certain forces operating on the territory of Chechnya and international terrorism."

Russian investigators have said that terrorism is to blame for both plane crashes

last week, which killed 90 people. They said traces of a high explosive were found in the wreckage of both planes, and suspicion is growing that two female Chechen suicide bombers — one on each aircraft — might have brought down the planes.

**Taeegu subway arson:** A man who started a subway fire in South Korea that killed 198 people has died while serving his prison term, a news report said.

Kim Dae-han, 56, was sentenced to life in prison for starting the Feb. 18, 2003, blaze by igniting a carton filled with gasoline inside a subway train in Taeegu, South Korea.

Kim was taken to a hospital Monday after having breathing difficulties but died en route, Yonhap news agency reported.

**Coup trial suspended:** Equatorial Guinea on Tuesday indefinitely suspended the trial of 19 alleged mercenaries accused in a coup plot in this oil-rich African nation, saying it wanted more information on the alleged roles of Mark Thatcher, son of the former British prime minister, and other international financiers.

The surprise suspension of the 7-day-old trial showed Equatorial Guinea may be seeking to prosecute Thatcher and others in what it says was a foreign-bankrolled plot to overthrow President Teodoro Obiang's 25-year regime in Equatorial Guinea, Africa's third-largest oil producer.

**Afghanistan unrest:** Afghan authorities said Sunday that they had arrested and arrested three people near the capital, a day after a deadly car-bombing of a U.S. security company, an official said Tuesday.

Security forces discovered 1,300 pounds of explosives in two houses on Monday in Chahar Asyab, just south of Kabul, a senior intelligence official said.

It was not clear if the men were suspected in Sunday's blast in downtown Kabul that killed as many as 10 people, including three Americans, or what they planned to do with the explosives. He did not identify the type of explosive.

**Milosevic trial:** Slobodan Milosevic launched a defiant defense Tuesday of his conduct during the Balkan wars, accusing his enemies of conspiracies against the Serbs and insisting his countrymen acted in self-defense.

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# Yokota airmen deployment ending

## Southwest Asia stint supported efforts in Iraq, Afghanistan

BY VINCE LITTLE

Stars and Stripes

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — The 374th Air Wing is gearing up for a homecoming.

About 90 airmen who deployed in support of the war on terrorism are slated to return here Thursday, base officials said. They're part of a 120-member contingent that left for Southwest Asia in June to fill various roles in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

Some already have returned to Yokota in smaller waves, while others are eyeing a return in the immediate future, said 1st Lt.

Warren Comer, a 374th Airflight Wing spokesman. But this will be the biggest batch.

"They served their time and are coming back safe," Comer said. "As far as the deployments are concerned, I'd say it was a success."

The stints, which lasted about 90 days, were part of a scheduled rotation within the Air Force's Aerospace Expeditionary Force cycle. Roughly 300 men and women were expected to serve under AEF 9 and 10, Yokota's largest deployment in recent memory, base officials said in June.

Personnel from several squad-

rons and agencies are among them, including civil engineer, communications, mission support, wing staff, medical, logistic readiness, maintenance, aircraft maintenance, operational support, air postal, comptroller, weather, security forces, contracting and services.

"Every time we're called on to support missions around the world, we're ready and willing to take part in them," Comer said. "It's been a great thing. That's why morale is so high over there right now. People are willing to go and do their part."

Base officials said Yokota airmen served in numerous locales during the deployments.

"They were mostly in Southwest Asia," Comer said. "They basically provided support to forces fighting the war on terror in places such as Iraq and Afghanistan, but they had missions at a number of bases around these areas."

"These missions are going on out there in a wartime environment, so it's definitely more strenuous than the work they do here."

Col. Mark Schissler, the 374th Airflight Wing commander, and other senior leaders were to be present Thursday, along with family members of the deployed servicemen.

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# Yokota base officials investigate fuel spill

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YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — Base civil engineers, along with bioenvironmental and medical personnel, scrambled Tuesday to neutralize a fuel spill at the Tokorozawa communications site, a satellite installation about 20 miles northeast of Yokota, which is operated by the 374th Airflight Wing.

Yokota officials, notified of the leak at about 11 a.m., said approximately 21,000 gallons of diesel fuel seeped from a tank supplying a generator used to run communications equipment in the event of a commercial power failure. All of it was contained within the site, and no one was injured in the incident, officials said.

An investigation is under way to determine the cause.

"Upon completion of the initial assessment, there has been no impact to the local community or environment," said 1st Lt. Warren Comer, a 374th Airflight Wing spokesman. "Basically, they set up a berm of clean dirt around the area to make sure nothing else leaks out."

Working with the Defense Facilities Administration Office and the Tokorozawa Fire Department, Yokota civil engineers took three corrective measures Tuesday to eliminate any hazards to the surrounding community, wing officials said. They applied absorbent material to the area, built a soil barrier around the site and blocked the adjacent drainage ditch to prevent runoff in the event of rain.

Those measures will stay in place until base officials complete a remediation plan, in which all contaminated soil will be removed and replaced.

The initial assessment of Tuesday's fuel spill was aided by the DFAO and Tokorozawa City officials. Tokyo's Defense Facilities Administration Bureau was informed of the leak at 1:10 a.m.

The Tokorozawa facility is a small radio site run by 374th Communications Squadron personnel, who are shuttled there every day from Yokota. Comer said about 10 people work at the location, including at least three who are Japanese citizens.

The fenced-in compound, which has two buildings and a radio tower, once served as home to the Far East Network of American Forces Network affiliates.

"Its main mission is to act as a global high-frequency communications site," Comer said. "It has 25 high-frequency transmitters that support global high-frequency communications required for the Air Force and Navy."

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# Sasebo instructor named top DOD civilian firefighter

BY GREG TYLER

Stars and Stripes

SASEBO NAVAL BASE, Japan — Thomas Epperson says that as he attended firefighter training at Yokosuka Naval Base off and on the past few years, it never occurred to him he'd one day be an instructor instead of a student.

But he didn't stop there. Assistant Fire Chief and Drillmaster Epperson, five years into his firefighting career, recently was named Department of Defense Civilian Firefighter of the Year, for being not only an instructor but a good instructor.

He trained 47 Japanese recruit firefighters in Sasebo for the local department, incorporating live-fire training with no mishaps or injuries.

In addition, officials said, the Long Beach, Calif., native saved the Navy thousands of dollars by conducting the training here, rather than sending firefighters to expensive civilian firefighting academies.

"When the fire departments regionalized, we needed to man our stations," said the 33-year-old drillmaster. "So we picked up 47 firefighters, and they had to be trained. They had to learn to ride and use any of the apparatus and respond to any emergencies."

Another option would have been to send recruits through training with Sasebo City, but their standards are not the same as American standards in training," said Sasebo commander Naval Forces Japan Regional Fire Department Chief Scott Rhode.

"We could operate our own academy or send them up to Yokosuka. We'd sent him (Epperson) up there on other occasions to learn the training from the instructors' point of view, so we decided to have the academy right here."

"We saved money," Rhode said. "A lot of money. ... We saved thousands and thousands, and that's per individual."

Topics covered include the ba-

sics of the nature of fire, using ladders, using breathing apparatus and methods for fighting fires in various hazardous environments, said Epperson.

"I've always thought firefighters had an awesome job. And it's something to do for a living that helps people. I think that's the great," he said.

When he arrived in New Orleans for the DOD Fire and Emergency Services Award Banquet on Aug. 18, Epperson knew that he'd won the award as the U.S. Navy's Civilian Firefighter of the Year for 2003. He attended knowing what to expect — or so he thought.

His name was announced, as expected. He stepped forward to receive the award, as expected. But after Epperson accepted the Navy award, presenters asked him to remain in front of his colleagues while the DOD Civilian Firefighter of the Year winner was announced.

"I couldn't believe it," Epperson said Tuesday. "I was really shocked. Just shocked ... and very humbled to be selected from so many deserving nominees."

The Fire and Emergency Services awards program recognizes individuals, teams and departments making significant contributions to fire and emergency services. The award banquet honored DOD's best among about 13,000 firefighters from nominating departments across all military services.

Epperson's selection, Rhode said, "means recognition of the department as a whole. ... This award demonstrates the reality that Sasebo firefighters are trained to a very high standard and in fact they exceed the standards of those departments against which we competed."

Guy Burleson, assistant fire chief for training, echoed the praise expressed by Rhode.

"Thomas represents the CNFJ Regional Fire Department with honor, courage and a commitment to excellence," Burleson said. "His dedication to the fire



GREG TYLER/Stars and Stripes

Officer Thomas Epperson, assistant fire chief and drillmaster at Sasebo Naval Base's Command U.S. Naval Forces Japan Regional Fire Department, sits with the trophy he won as the Department of Defense's Civilian Firefighter of the Year for 2003. He was chosen from among the estimated 13,000 firefighters employed by DOD. He was also named the U.S. Navy's Civilian Firefighter of the Year.

service's life-saving mission is a credit to all who serve and risk their lives daily."

Another Navy-connected firefighter in Japan took the DOD Heroism of the Year Award for 2003.

Akihito Sato, assigned to Commander U.S. Naval Forces Japan in Yokosuka, received the DOD award for saving the lives of two people in a burning building.

Sato noticed a column of smoke while driving to work July 12, 2003, DOD officials said. Despite heavy fire and smoke, he rescued

the two, who were "in severe distress," officials said.

"We are excited for the awardees, and are proud of the example they set," William Killen, director, Navy Fire and Emergency Services, stated in a Navy report. "They exemplify the efficiency and effectiveness of the Navy fire and emergency service."

A five-person selection board, appointed by the International Association of Fire Chiefs executive director, chose the award recipients.

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# Misawa theater seeking new guild members

## PCS moves leave group with dip in participants

BY JENNIFER H. SVAN

Stars and Stripes

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan—It's an opportunity to meet friends, act on stage, orchestrate lights and props and, for the very ambitious, direct a play.

Misawa theater members are trying to "rebuild the guild."

Misawa Theatre Guild, the base's community theater group since the early 1990s, is in desperate need of people following a membership dip brought on by permanent-change-of-station season.

The group lost from 10 to 20 active members and seeks volunteers to run for one of five board seats in the Sept. 19 elections, said Sarah Schaaf and Amy Tjaden, guild officers.

"If we don't have a board, we don't have a guild," Tjaden said.

Though three of the seats can be occupied only by those already involved in the guild, two are open to newcomers.

The guild has about 94 members on its e-mail list, though far fewer are regular participants. Anyone can be a member, Schaaf and Tjaden said, noting that the guild is a mix of active-duty Air Force and Navy, spouses, civilians and teachers.

The group needs actors, directors, stage managers, technicians, makeup artists — and anyone interested in learning about theater production.

"We want people who are willing to

learn, to just try it," Tjaden said.

Both Schaaf and Tjaden joined the guild in 2001 with almost no stage experience. At the time, Schaaf was new to Misawa and signed on as a way to meet people. She progressed from a bit part as a villager in "Fiddler on the Roof" to directing "Murder in the Magnolias" last spring and serving as current guild president.

"It's fun and it's a good way to meet people," she said.

Tjaden was interested in acting but was scared to try until the guild propelled her on stage. Most recently, she landed a big speaking part in Schaaf's play.

"Once you get up there, you realize it's not as intimidating as you thought it was," Tjaden said.

The guild usually puts on two major productions a year, due to time constraints and membership turnover, no play is planned for the fall or winter. Members instead want to hold smaller productions throughout the fall that take less time, such as a Halloween variety show of one-act skits. They need people to read a spooky poem or play a scary song. "We will take anything," Tjaden said.

On tap later this month are two workshops — physical comedy and improvisation — for any interested base residents. The workshops provide training for guild members and promote the group on base, Schaaf and Tjaden said.

The guild would like to put on a spring



JENNIFER H. SVAN/Stars and Stripes

Misawa Theatre Guild members Sarah Schaaf, left, and Amy Tjaden look at a guild flyer advertising William Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream." The community theater group at Misawa Air Base, Japan, is looking for new members after losing a core of active participants this summer. The next meeting is Sept. 19.

musical but that depends on how much interest members show, members said.

"We're open to ideas," Tjaden said. "We want to do what the community wants, what the members want."

The guild meets about every other month. There are no membership fees. Time commitment varies but in the days or weeks leading up to a large production, can average a few hours three nights a week and some weekends. However, members

said, the group hopes to lessen that obligation. Active-duty members can include guild membership on their performance reports, since it's a service to the community, Schaaf and Tjaden said.

The group's next meeting is to be at 4 p.m. Sept. 19 in the Tower 118 recreation room. Contact the group through e-mail at: [misawagat@yahoo.com](mailto:misawagat@yahoo.com) for more information or to join the guild.

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Above: A shooter launches an F/A-18C Hornet off the bow of the USS Kitty Hawk on Aug. 28. Shooters are responsible for the safe and incident-free launch of all aircraft aboard aircraft carriers.

Left: Air department crash-and-salvage firefighters stand next to a fire truck upon the conclusion of night flight operations aboard the Kitty Hawk. Crash-and-salvage personnel are stationed on the flight deck during all flight operations in the event of an ordnance or aircraft fire or mishap.

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# AF rape study calls for 'cultural change'

BY ANGELA K. BROWN  
The Associated Press

FORT WORTH, Texas — The sexual assault problem in the U.S. Air Force is more widespread than officials first thought, and combatting it will require changes in the military branch's culture, according to a report released Monday.

After a four-month study of 85 installations in the United States and overseas, Air Force teams found that many rapes were not reported because victims feared they would be disciplined, and response programs for victims were

inadequate, according to the report.

In the study, "respondents repeatedly described sexual assault as a cultural issue," the report said.

The Air Force also lacked a formal sexual assault policy, and prevention training has been sporadic and focused more on sexual harassment rather than rape, the assessment found.

"Addressing sexual assault in the U.S. Air Force requires deep, long-lasting, cultural and institutional change," Michael J. Dominguez, Air Force assistant secretary for manpower and re-

serves, wrote earlier this month in a preface to the report. "The realization that sexual assault undermines our core values guarantees our response will be persistent."

The report recommends major changes, including developing an Air Force-wide sexual assault prevention and response policy; assigning an office to oversee the policy and programs; integrating databases used to report and track rapes; and requiring pre-deployment sexual assault response training for officers.

"The Air Force must do a better job of defining and understanding the crime of sexual assault and

the behavior that spawns it. Ultimately the Air Force must work through its commanders to create an institutional environment that refuses to accept or facilitate such behavior," the report said.

The study began in February, a year after the rape scandal surfaced at the Air Force Academy in Colorado. The academy has overhauled its top leadership and policies on sexual assault after dozens of current and former female cadets complained they were ignored or punished after reporting assaults.

A few months later, Air Force officials decided to study allega-

tions of rape in the Pacific Air Force command, which includes bases in Hawaii, Alaska and Japan. After that commander reported his report in February, top Air Force officials decided to do a system-wide study.

The investigation also found delays as long as six months at military labs processing rape kits, which "can contribute to the misperception that the Air Force does not make responding to sexual assaults a priority."

The assessment also found that Air Force commanders worked on a case-by-case basis instead of "attacking it as cultural and societal issue."



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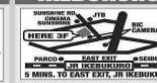
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# \$3.34B to rebuild Iraq may go to security

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The State Department is considering whether \$3.34 billion intended for public works projects in Iraq should be used instead to bolster security, a State Department official said Monday.

The money would be part of \$18.4 billion Congress approved last year for rebuilding Iraq. Though the Bush administration said then the money was needed urgently, little has been spent because of bureaucratic delays and security problems.

The U.S. ambassador to Iraq, John Negroponte, has recommended to State Department officials that the \$3.34 billion be reallocated from water, sewage and electricity projects. If security is improved, oil production could be increased, eventually making more money available for reconstruction, the official said, speaking on the condition of anonymity. Negroponte seeks to add 45,000 police, 16,000 border guards and 20 new national guard battalions of 700 to 800 men each.

Officials at the Pentagon said that billions

of dollars more for security did not automatically translate to more U.S. troops or longer deployments.

"This has nothing to do with U.S. troops," said a defense official. "If this funding is approved, the Iraqi Security forces would likely get the money, under the Security Transition Command" headed by U.S. Army Lt. Gen. David Petraeus, who took command of the training of all Iraqi troops in June.

The U.S.-led coalition is seeking to grow Iraqi security forces by 50,000 in the near term, and the funding could be used to recruit, train and equip the Iraqi forces, the defense official said. He did not have specifics since the money has not been approved for transfer.

"The basic principle ... has been Iraqi self-government and Iraqi self-security." The shift in funds would be applicable "to the extent that U.S. forces are involved in making that happen," the official said. "The sooner Iraqi forces take over, the less burden on U.S. forces and multinational coalition forces."

The \$18.4 billion was part of an \$87 billion

package Bush signed Nov. 6, mostly for Iraq and Afghanistan. When the proposal was presented to Congress, administration officials said emergency funding for reconstruction was as urgently needed as money for military operations.

"Every day that the Iraqis do not get power, do not get water, do not get sewage treatment is a day when their quality of life is such that they're less inclined to view us as liberators and more inclined to view us as occupiers, and that also increases the danger to our men and women," L. Paul Bremer, then head of the U.S. occupation authority, told the Senate Armed Services Committee last September.

That package was shaped mostly by the Defense Department, which was overseeing reconstruction as well as military activities at the time. The State Department has become the main agency overseeing reconstruction projects since the June 28 transfer of authority to an interim Iraqi government.

The request for transfer is exactly what the United States needs to do at this point to

bring about a successful mission in Iraq, said Anthony Cordesman, an analyst with the Center for Strategic and International Studies whose expertise includes Middle East military balance, critical infrastructure protection, and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"Having large and long-lead economic programs is not working at this point," Cordesman said. "It's not changing the hearts and minds and it's creating targets for saboteurs. ... This is exactly what is needed and is really a long overdue change in U.S. aid policy in Iraq."

The money transfer, if approved by Congress, should be spent to not just increase the number of Iraqi security forces, but to better train and equip them, which in turn would expedite the transfer of responsibility from U.S. and coalition forces to Iraqi forces, Cordesman said.

"It's the best way to reduce the U.S. commitment of U.S. forces in Iraq in a way that provides a good chance at some kind of stability in the Iraqi government."

Stripes reporter Sandra Jontz contributed to this report from the Pentagon.

## Judge limits defense witnesses in England hearing

By Estes Thompson

The Associated Press

FORT BRAGG, N.C. — A military judge ruled Tuesday that defense lawyers for a soldier accused of abusing and photographing prisoners in Iraq may not call as witnesses the general who was in charge of guards at Abu Ghraib prison or a group of detainees.

The ruling came as lawyers for Pfc. Lynndie England sought permission to call additional witnesses at England's Article 32 hearing, which is designed to determine

whether the reservist from West Virginia will face a court-martial. Col. Denise Ann, an Army judge acting as a hearing officer in this proceeding, trimmed the defense request for six new witnesses to three and said she would decide on the remaining requests after lunch.

Ann denied defense lawyers' permission to call as a witness Brig. Gen. Janis Karpinski, who was in charge of military police at Abu Ghraib, but said they could submit as evidence a deposition given by Karpinski.

Ann also refused to call the current commander of the MP brigade that England is assigned to at Fort Bragg or an Army investigator who searched soldiers' computers for photos.

Lawyers were given a few hours to continue searching for an MP platoon leader and a military intelligence sergeant. The defense also wanted to question a civilian translator and was talking to his lawyer.

The defense also sought testimony from an unspecified number of Iraqi detainees, but the judge re-

fused after a government lawyer said it would be very difficult to find them.

"At some point it could happen, but certainly not this week," said Capt. John Benson, one of the prosecutors.

On Monday, defense lawyers asked for more witnesses after Ann said she would not allow testimony from Vice President Dick Cheney and Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, among others.

The Article 32 hearing, which began earlier this month, is to determine whether England, 21, a personnel clerk from Fort Ashby, W.Va., should face a court-martial on 13 counts of abusing detainees and six counts stemming from possession of sexually explicit photos not involving detainees. If convicted, she could get up to 38 years in prison.



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Jit Bahadur Khadka, 55, father of Ramesh Khadka, one of the 12 Nepalese hostages reported killed by Islamic militants in Iraq, weeps in the lap of an unidentified relative Tuesday at their home in Tikabhairav village, 15 miles south of Katmandu, Nepal.

## Video purportedly shows Iraq militants execute 12 hostages

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — A video purported to show the grisly, execution-style killings of 12 Nepalese workers kidnapped in Iraq was posted Tuesday on a Web site linked to an Islamic militant group.

The slayings would mark the largest number of foreign hostages killed at one time by insurgents in Iraq who have seized more than 100 hostages in recent months in their drive to destabilize the country and force coalition troops and foreign workers to withdraw.

In Katmandu, Nepal's Foreign Minister Minister Prakash Sharan Mahat said officials still were checking the reports and the government had called an emergency Cabinet meeting.

"If it is true it is shocking because there were no demand or deadlines ... that makes it even more shocking," Mahat said before the meeting.

The video discovered on the Web site Tuesday showed a

masked man in desert camouflage apparently slitting the throat of a blindfolded man lying on the ground. The blindfolded man moaned and a shrill wheeze was heard. The masked man then displayed the head to the camera before resting it on the decapitated body.

Other footage showed a man firing single shots from an assault rifle into the back of the heads of 11 others. Blood seeped from their bodies onto the sand.

A statement on the Web site signed "Ansar al-Sunna Army" vowed to keep fighting the Americans in Iraq.

"America today has used all its force, as well as the help of others, to fight Islam under the so-called war on terror, which is nothing but a vicious crusade against Muslims," the statement said.

The group also threatened anyone else working with U.S. forces here, saying executions would befall "every agent, traitor and spy."

Associated Press reporter Abbas Fayadh in Basra contributed to this story.

## DOD: U.S. casualties in Iraq near 7,000

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The number of American troops wounded in Iraq since the U.S.-led invasion in March 2003 is approaching 7,000, according to figures published Tuesday by the Pentagon. The death toll for U.S. military personnel is 975, plus three Defense Department civilians.

The wounded total has approximately doubled since mid-April, when casualties and

deaths mounted rapidly as the insurgency intensified. The death toll over that period has grown by about 300.

The Pentagon, which generally updates its casualty count each week, said the number of wounded stands at 6,916, up 226 from a week earlier. In the two months since the United States handed over political sovereignty to an interim Iraqi government, the wounded total has grown by about 1,500.

The vast majority of casualties have been Marines and soldiers, although the Pentagon announced Tuesday the 13th member of the Air Force to die in Iraq. Airman 1st Class Carl L. Anderson Jr., 21, of Georgetown, S.C., was killed by a roadside bomb on Sunday near the northern city of Mosul.

He was assigned to the 3rd Logistics Readiness Squadron based at Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska.

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### 2nd ID soldier dies in Iraq

Strike Force, the 2nd Infantry Division's 2nd Brigade Combat Team, has suffered its first fatal casualty in Iraq.

The Department of Defense announced Tuesday that Spc. Omead H. Razani, 19, of Los Angeles, died Aug. 27 in Habbaniyah, Iraq, of noncombat related injuries.

Razani was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment which was based at Camp Greaves, South Korea, before deploying to Iraq.

The incident is under investigation, the DOD statement said.

From staff reports



# Japan's military fund plan expands missile defense

BY CHISAKI WATANABE

The Associated Press

TOKYO — Japan's military on Tuesday proposed a 35 percent increase in funding for ballistic missile defense next year as part of a plan to increase overall defense spending and build up communications and surveillance abilities.

The Defense Agency budget proposal, approved at an agency meeting Tuesday, plans total military spending of 4.93 trillion yen (\$45 billion) for the fiscal year beginning April 2005 — an increase of 1.2 percent over this year.

The budget requires approval from the Finance Ministry, the Cabinet and Parliament before it takes effect.

Japan is in the midst of reorganizing its military priorities to counter threats posed by international terrorism and North Korea, which has missiles capable of hitting Japan and is believed to have developed nuclear weapons.

Tokyo is developing a missile defense shield with Washington and is considering a partial lifting of Japan's long-standing ban on arms exports to facilitate greater cooperation with the United States.

"We will reinforce and strengthen our ability to cope with new threats ... such as ballistic missile attacks, guerrilla and special forces attacks, and (intrusions by) suspicious vessels," the agency said in a statement.

The new spending plan also includes preparations to set up a training center for peacekeepers. Japan dispatched 500 troops to Iraq this year on a humanitarian mission, and the government is pushing to expand military activities overseas.

Under the plan released Tuesday, the agency would spend 144.2 billion yen (\$1.3 billion) on ballistic missile defense next year, up from 106.8 billion yen (\$970 million) this year.

Japan and the United States are jointly developing the SM-3 missile, which could be used to destroy incoming ballistic missiles. The agency plans to test the missile, possibly off Hawaii, by the end of fiscal 2007.

The Defense Agency also plans to equip an Aegis destroyer with SM-3 missiles, and upgrade its Patriot system with the purchase of Patriot Advanced Capability-3, or PAC-3, missiles.

The agency refused to disclose how many missiles it plans to buy.

Japan also plans to improve its satellite communications network, boosting spending by 65 percent, from 151 billion yen (\$1.37 billion) this year to 248 billion yen (\$2.25 billion) next year.

To balance out defense costs, the agency will not request money for a new destroyer for the first time since the Maritime Defense Forces was established. It also will cut down on tanks and artillery purchases.



Israeli police officers and rescue workers rush to the scene Tuesday as flames rise from a burning bus at the scene of a double-bombing in the southern Israeli city of Beersheba.

## 16 killed in attacks on 2 Israeli buses

By STEVEN GUTKIN

The Associated Press

BEERSHEBA, Israel — Palestinian suicide bombers blew up two buses almost simultaneously in this southern city Tuesday, killing at least 16 passengers and wounding more than 80 in the first major attack inside Israel in nearly six months.

The explosions — for which the Hamas militant group claimed responsibility — ended a period of relative calm. Israel has attributed the lull to its crackdown on Palestinian militants and continued construction of a separation barrier in the West Bank.

Palestinian militants have acknowledged they have faced increasing difficulties carrying out attacks.

The two buses blew up 15 seconds apart, about 100 yards from a busy intersection in the center of Beersheba. "People were screaming and yelling. Everything was running," said witness Tzika Schreter, a 50-year-old college lecturer.

Rescue workers scoured the

scene, cleaning up body parts and scattered pieces of the wreckage as dozens of onlookers gathered nearby. A hand with a ring lay on a charred seat, and blood was splattered on the walls of the mangled buses.

The blasts came hours after Prime Minister Ariel Sharon presented to his Likud party the most detailed timetable yet for Israel's withdrawal from the Gaza Strip, and warned party rebels the plan "will be implemented, period."

After the attacks, Sharon met with top security officials to plan a response, and more talks were scheduled later in the evening. Israel has historically struck hard at militant targets after suicide bombings.

"Israel will continue fighting terror with all its might," Sharon said, adding that he would push forward with the Gaza pullout. "This has no connection to disengagement," he said.

Police said the messy scene was complicating the recovery of bodies and warned the death toll could rise. They said the 16 people did not include the bombers.



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### Taiwan live-fire exercise canceled

TAIPEI, Taiwan — Taiwan's president said he made a goodwill gesture toward rival China on Tuesday, canceling a major live-fire military exercise shortly after Beijing reportedly called off massive war games near Taiwan.

The military drills have increased tensions between the two sides, which split during a civil war 55 years ago. Beijing insists Taiwan unify with China or suffer a punishing attack.

### Koizumi stands firm on islands visit

TOKYO — Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi dismissed criticism from Moscow of his plan to visit four Russian-held islands this week, reiterating Tuesday that the territory rightfully belongs to Tokyo.

Russia's Foreign Ministry criticized Koizumi on Monday for his plan to take a boat from Japan's northernmost main island of Hokkaido to see the islands, which Tokyo calls the Northern Territories. Moscow said Koizumi's trip would make it more difficult for the nations to formally end World War II hostilities.

Russia and Japan have had diplomatic ties since 1956. But they haven't signed a peace treaty formally ending their wartime enmity because of the dispute over the islands, which were occupied by the Soviets in the closing days of the war nearly 60 years ago.

Japan gave up its rights to the Kuril Islands when it signed a treaty formally ending the war in September 1951.

From The Associated Press

## IN THE STATES

# Five killed by Virginia floods

BY LARRY O'DELL  
The Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — About 20 blocks of downtown Richmond were condemned after the remnants of Tropical Storm Gaston battered central Virginia with torrential rain Monday, causing heavy flooding that sent cars floating down streets and trapped people in buildings.

Five deaths were confirmed in the region, Gov. Mark R. Warner said Tuesday.

It's a remarkable blessing that more people weren't hurt, Warner said at a news conference. "The devastation to a lot of the businesses in Shockoe Bottom is overwhelming."

A brick building of at least two stories collapsed in the historic, low-lying Shockoe Bottom area, and several dozen buildings had extensive water damage from floodwaters up to 10 feet, Mayor Rudolph McCollum said.

Floodwaters overran about half of the historic neighborhood, including most of the restaurants in the nightclub district. Whole walls of buildings splintered, and bricks blew out of others. The city sheriff's office had to evacuate a juvenile detention center.

More than 100 cars were waterlogged. Many had simply floated away — some resting atop fire hydrants and other vehicles. City of-

ficials said the damage would easily be in the millions of dollars but said it was too early to provide an estimate.

Warner declared a state of emergency Monday night and toured the area with city officials on Tuesday morning.

The declaration made state resources available and put the Virginia National Guard on standby.

"It's been a disaster of major proportions," McCollum said.

About 66,000 customers of Dominion Virginia Power remained without power Tuesday, most of them in the Richmond area. Utility officials planned to send a mobile generating unit to Shockoe Bottom, where floodwaters had knocked out the substation.

"It looks like rapids outside our building," said Nick Baughan, who was stranded with about 20 other people on the second floor of the Bottoms Up pizza restaurant Monday night.

The first floor of the restaurant was in 10 to 12 feet of water, Baughan said.

The storm's strong punch took weather forecasters and the public by surprise. Meteorologists had predicted no more than 4 inches of rain, but the system instead dumped 10 to 14 inches in the Richmond area, snarling traffic and stranding evening commuters on Interstate 95 and other major thoroughfares.



Vehicles sit on a pile in the wrong direction on a one-way street Tuesday in the Shockoe Bottom area of Richmond, Va. Remnants of Tropical Storm Gaston battered central Virginia with torrential rain Monday.

## Frances strengthens in Caribbean

The Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — Hurricane Frances strengthened as it churned near the islands of the northeastern Caribbean with 135-mph winds that were expected to graze Puerto Rico on Tuesday before the storm plowed on toward the Bahamas and the southeastern United States.

Though little damage was expected in the U.S. territory,

some people put up metal storm shutters and many businesses and schools and government offices closed for the day. At least 14 airline flights from Puerto Rico were canceled.

Frances strengthened to a powerful Category 4 hurricane and prompted tropical storm warnings for Puerto Rico, the British Virgin Islands, the U.S. Virgin Islands and the north coast of the Dominican Republic.

Keith Lynch, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Wakefield, said tropical storms are typically preceded by clouds.

But in Gaston's case, the sun shone until the storm arrived, causing an unusual period of heating that led to more instability and heavy downpours.

## Fla. justices want to know gov.'s role in Schiavo case

The Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — The Florida Supreme Court questioned lawyers Tuesday about the extent of the power handed to Gov. Jeb Bush under a law that let him order the reinsertion of a brain-damaged woman's feeding tube.

In a crucial hearing in the closely watched right-to-die fight, Justice Charles Wells said he was troubled because he had to consider the law was designed to side-step a trial court ruling that found there was "clear and convincing evidence" Terri Schiavo would not want to be hooked up to the tube.

But Bush attorney Ken Connor said the court's order that the tube be removed was honored. The fact that the tube was reinserted six days later by order of the governor last fall doesn't alter the removal order, Connor said.

The high court did not indicate when it would rule on the case.

A lawyer for Schiavo's husband and guardian, Michael, has challenged the constitutionality of the law, which the Legislature passed last October and was in effect for just 15 days.

A trial judge in May ruled that the law violated Terri Schiavo's privacy rights and the separation of powers between all three branches of government. The governor appealed that ruling and the case was bumped immediately to Florida's high court.

Terri Schiavo, 40, suffered brain damage in 1990 when her heart stopped beating, a condition brought on by an eating disorder.

# SAT scores remain virtually unchanged for 2004

BY JUSTIN POPE  
The Associated Press

SAT scores for the high school class of 2004 were mostly the same as a year ago, though scores for some minority groups showed an encouraging increase.

The average cumulative score on the country's most widely taken college entrance exam was 1026, the same as for the class of 2003.

Scores on the verbal section rose one point to 508 while math scores fell one point to 518.

The stagnant scores were something of a disappointment following a six-point jump last year from 2002 that produced a 36-year high.

But The College Board, which owns the test and was releasing the scores Tuesday, said it was good news that more students are taking the test and signaling they hope to attend college, even if that may have weighed down average results.

There was also some consolation in improved scores for some minorities, who comprised a record 37 percent of the 1.4 million test-takers, also a record.

Students identifying themselves as Mexican American boosted their scores nine points to 909. Scores from those identifying

themselves as Puerto Ricans were flat at 909, but students in the "other Hispanic" category increased their scores five points to 926. Nineteen percent of students did not respond to the question about their racial/ethnic identity.

Males scored 512 on the verbal section and 537 on math, identical to a year ago. Scores for females rose one point on verbal to 504 and fell two points on math to 501. The math and verbal sections of the SAT are each graded on a 200-800

point scale, though next spring the test expands to three sections — math, writing and critical reading — which will make 2400 a perfect score instead of 1600. Members of the class of 2005 can take the old test one last time in the fall.

Despite changes in content, The College Board says scores on the new critical reading and math sections will be comparable to scores on the current verbal and math sections. The writing section will include a timed essay.

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# GOP salutes Bush as wartime leader



The crowd holds signs in support of the troops Monday during the Republican National Convention in New York.

BY TOM RAUM

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Republicans are turning to conditions at home after saluting President Bush as a wartime president whose leadership is "rock solid." California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger gets star billing on the second day of the party's convention as the GOP extends its outreach to moderate Democrats and independents.

But as the Republican National Convention headed for Tuesday's session at Madison Square Garden under extremely heavy security, Bush supporters scrambled to explain the president's day-old comments that the war against terror could not be won.

First lady Laura Bush was to present her husband as a commanding warrior against terrorism in a prime-time convention speech that highlighted his leadership in "the most historic struggle my generation has ever known."

In Monday's opening session, Republicans invoked the memory of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks — the World Trade Center stood about four miles south of the Garden — as a test of Bush's mettle as a strong and decisive leader.

"Since September 11th, President Bush has remained rock solid," former New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani said, likening the president to Winston Churchill and Ronald Reagan. "We need George Bush more than ever."

Democrats and some Sept. 11 victims say Republicans are politicizing a national tragedy. Giuliani denied that, saying Democrats made frequent mention of Sept. 11 at their convention in Boston.

On Monday, Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., drew enthusiastic cheers — and a standing ovation — when he voiced strong support for his 2000 GOP presidential rival.

McCain heartily endorsed the president's anti- and anti-terrorism policies. "Don't let anyone tell you otherwise. Not our critics abroad. Not our political opponents. And certainly not a disingenuous filmmaker," McCain said in a clear dig at filmmaker Michael Moore that delighted his audience. Moore's box-office hit, "Fahrenheit 9/11," sharply questions Bush's motives for invading Iraq.

## Bush declares U.S. will win war on terrorism

BY JENNIFER LOVEN

The Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — President Bush said Tuesday "we will win" the war on terror, seeking to quell controversy and Democratic criticism over his earlier remark that victory may not be possible.

In a speech to the national convention of the American Legion, Bush said, "We meet today in a time of war for our country, a war we did not start yet one that we will win."

That statement differed from Bush's earlier comment, aired Monday in a pre-taped

television interview, that "I don't think you can win" the war on terror. That had Democrats running for the cameras to criticize Bush for being defeatist and flip-flopping from previous predictions of victory.

"What if President Reagan had said that it may be difficult to win the war against communism? What if other presidents had said it'd be difficult to win the war — the Cold War?" Democratic vice presidential candidate John Edwards said on ABC's "Nightline" program. "The war on terrorism is absolutely winnable."

Bush's comment — and the ensuing criticism — took attention away from the careful-

ly crafted image of Bush being broadcast from the Republican National Convention in New York, as a decisive wartime commander in chief who is securing America's safety and sure of the course on which he has set the nation.

As Bush continued a pre-convention journey through one closely contested state after another, aides scrambled to clarify the president's remark and contain the story. And in Tuesday's speech before the American Legion, with popular Republican Sen. John McCain of Arizona by his side, Bush himself hit back.

"In this different kind of war, we may never sit down at a peace table. But make no

mistake about it, we are winning and we will win," Bush said, pausing to grin slightly. "We will win by staying on the offensive, we will win by spreading liberty."

The campaign of Democratic presidential challenger John Kerry merely pounced again.

"This president has gone from mission accomplished to mission miscalculated to mission impossible on the war on terror," Kerry spokesman Phil Singer said.

The president also appealed to a constituency so important in this election that Kerry is breaking with a tradition that the other side remains quiet during their opponent's convention and will speak to the American Legion meeting on Wednesday.

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Priscilla Vanarak, 8, of New York, looks out from a pedestrian walkway at the ground zero site of the World Trade Center on Saturday. Convention planners kept political events away from the site.

# 9/11 looms large over Republican convention

By WALTER R. MEARS

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Republicans are holding their national convention at Madison Square Garden for one reason, and it is four miles away at Ground Zero.

For President Bush, the war on terrorism is the defining issue of his first term and, he hopes, the key to a second. There is no more compelling way to dramatize that than to rally his party in the city stricken hardest by terrorists on Sept. 11, 2001.

On the convention platform, on television talk shows, in every interview, Republican leaders repeat the theme that Bush is the essential leader against terror, stronger and more reliable in command than Democrat John Kerry.

That was the message sounded over and over Monday night, 10 subway stops from the World Trade Center, where terrorists flew jetliners into the towers that were signatures of the New York skyline, destroying them, killing more than 2,700 people and burning "9/11" into the American language.

"Nearly two years ago, with the city's fate still a question mark in many minds, our president decided that this convention would come to New York City," Mayor Michael Bloomberg said. "This was a show of faith that required courage and vision, one that all New Yorkers will not forget."

Courage and vision, perhaps, but also political calculation. For a president dedicated to the war on terror, there could be no better arena. When Bloomberg spoke of beginning construction of Freedom Tower as a memorial on the trade center site, he said "tombstone" when he meant to say "cornerstone." A slip, but too close to true.

Two Sept. 11 widows and the brother of a victim told their personal stories to the Republicans, who then stood for a memorial moment, for a mournful singing of "Amazing Grace."

At this point in the campaign, the polls indicate that many more Americans trust Bush to lead them against terror than favor turning to Kerry on that issue. An ABC News-Washington Post survey published Monday put Bush's rating on that question at 56 percent, up 8 points in a month, Kerry's at 38 percent.

That was on opening day of the New York convention spotlighting the issue.

There was an offstage campaign debate on the terror war after Bush said in an NBC interview that "I don't think we can win it," but that it must be fought without a hint of weakness that would be exploited by the enemy.

Kerry, in Nantucket, Mass., had a one-word answer when asked whether he could win the war on terror: "Absolutely." His vice-presidential nominee, Sen. John Edwards, said, "This is no time to declare defeat," and vowed that a Democratic administration would destroy terrorism while restoring U.S. alliances against the threat.

Bush's spokesman said the president was talking about winning the terror war "in the conventional sense," when this is an unconventional struggle in which there will be no formal surrender to signal victory.

The Republicans are bent on taking full command in a debate that will run throughout the campaign.

Bush came to New York on Sept. 14, 2001, "faced with the worst crisis in our history," former New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani told the convention.

"For ... his determined effort to defeat global terrorism, no matter what happens in this election, President George W. Bush already has earned a place in our history as a great American president," Giuliani said. "We need George Bush now more than ever."

In his convention speech, Giuliani repeated the words "September 11" 11 times. In case anyone was missing the message.

Sen. John McCain of Arizona said it five times more in his talk, as he spoke of watching Bush stand in the ruins three years ago "promising to right this terrible wrong and to stand up and fight for the values we hold dear."

"He promised our enemies would soon hear from us," McCain said.

At the Democratic convention in Boston, New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer said the Republicans should not be allowed to claim Sept. 11 as their issue. "I say this to the Republican Party: With all respect and all deference, do not dare use 9/11 for political purposes."

## Dems criticize GOP for mocking Kerry medals

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Democrats on Tuesday accused the GOP leadership of organizing a demonstration against candidate John Kerry's war record, calling "purple heart bandages" handed out by a convention delegate a slap at all veterans who have won the decoration.

"They insulted the United States of America, even though the president belatedly supported the combat record of John Kerry," said Rep. Charles Rangel of New York, a military veteran himself.

Republican Chairman Ed Gillespie asked delegate Morton Blackwell of Arlington, Va., to quit handing out the bandages, which carried the message: "It was just a self-inflicted scratch, but you see I got a Purple Heart for it."

The purple heart bandages were visible on some delegates Monday afternoon but were not in evidence by Monday night when party members delivered the convention's first major speeches. Blackwell had distributed about 250 of the bandages.

Kerry won three Purple Hearts, a Silver Star and a Bronze Star as

a Navy lieutenant in Vietnam. Members of the group sponsoring television ads challenging his account of his wartime service contend Kerry's own fire caused the wound that led to his first medal. Navy records and other veterans don't support the charge.

"This symbol is a very moving one," Rangel said of the Purple Heart. "In many of the homes of the survivors that's all they have to remember their loved ones, some survivors can't see and some can't walk. All they ask is a little dignity."

Democrats had planned to shift their focus Tuesday to domestic politics until the public stunt threw them back to discussing the Vietnam War. The anti-Kerry veterans group has criticized Kerry for, among other things, earning Purple Hearts for superficial wounds that required no hospitalization.

Retired Gen. Merrill McPeak, former chief of staff of the Air Force, said thousands of Purple Hearts have been awarded in Iraq and "the numbers will continue to accumulate."

"This is outrageous," McPeak said. "This isn't just a few foolish people. ... We have to demand that the president himself denounce this."



A protester wearing a Dick Cheney mask speaks into a bullhorn as other protesters wearing pig snouts to "Halleluiah Bucks" outside the Marriott Hotel in New York on Tuesday.

## Pig-snouted protesters paint Cheney as profiteer of war

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Protesters in pig snouts grunted and rolled in \$100 bills featuring a sneering Vice President Dick Cheney on Tuesday as activists predicted an aggressive day of sit-ins, street theater and even vandalism aimed at corporations with ties to the Bush family and the GOP.

Outside the midtown hotel where Texas delegates to the Republican National Convention are staying, about two dozen protesters calling themselves employees of "Halleluiah Bucks" grunted through plastic pig snouts on their faces and bathed themselves in the stacks of fake \$100 bills.

The protesters accused Cheney and Halliburton, the company he once led, with profiting from the war in Iraq and its aftermath.

"We love money. We love war.

We love Cheney even more," they chanted.

More than 500 people have been arrested in convention-related protest activity since late last week. On Tuesday morning, police arrested 20 more in two other small protests as they searched for a demonstrator who attacked a detective a day earlier.

Authorities were preparing for further confrontation Tuesday as protesters promised to demonstrate wherever delegates and party heavyweights were celebrating and sightseeing. The most recent three days of protests have been largely peaceful.

The New York City Liberties Union accused policy of raising tensions at Monday's protest by trying to set up metal barricades, then sending plainclothes police on scooters into the crowd when protesters began to resist.



Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, D-N.Y., chats with two girls on Feb. 14, 1968, at Millers Branch School, a one-room school in Breathitt County, Ky. The school was just one of the several Appalachian poverty areas Kennedy visited. Kentucky residents plan to re-enact Kennedy's tour this month.

AP



## Ky. residents to retrace Kennedy's poverty tour

The Associated Press

WHITESBURG, Ky. — With eight children, Betty Terrill didn't see gardening as a hobby years ago. It was necessity.

The Wolfe County woman sat before Sen. Robert F. Kennedy in 1968 and explained how her family survived in the mountains of eastern Kentucky on an income of \$69 a month.

"What do your children have to eat?" Kennedy asked on a fact-finding tour of the region.

"We raise our own hogs and have a cow, and we always raise a garden," she replied.

By all accounts, times were tough in central Appalachia in the

late 1960s, and Kennedy got a firsthand look as chairman of the Senate Subcommittee on Employment, Manpower and Poverty.

Local residents plan to re-enact Kennedy's tour to provide a fresh look at the communities he visited when he came to eastern Kentucky to gauge the effectiveness of the War on Poverty.

People organizing the massive re-enactment, which will take place Sept. 9-11 in towns from Whitesburg to Prestonsburg, believe the project will foster appreciation for the major economic improvements in the region over the past 36 years.

"It will let us see that there has been great progress made," said Nell Fields, one of the organizers.

# Bush, senators clash over aid to bomb-plant workers

BY NANCY ZUCKERBROD

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration is locked in a rare election-year fight with fellow Republicans in the Senate over a troubled program for tens of thousands of weapons plant workers who got sick building nuclear bombs.

The lawmakers say they don't understand why the administration is blocking a Senate-passed amendment to the defense bill that would overhaul a compensation program bogged down by delays and other problems.

"I can't fully understand what their resistance is," said Sen. Lisa Murkowski, who is in a tough re-election battle in Alaska. "We've been hammered by our constituents."

Many of the workers are from battleground states in the upcoming presidential election, including Colorado, Iowa, New Mexico, Ohio and Washington state.

"These people are sick and dying," said Tierce Barrie of Craig, Colo., whose husband was sickened while working at the former Rocky Flats plant near Denver. "The administration, the Department of Energy, is just refusing to listen."

The Senate proposal would streamline the compensation process by having the government pay claims directly rather than having Energy Department contractors do it and later reimburse the government. It also would move the program from the Energy Department to the Labor Department and require the government to perform environmental studies of plants.

The lawmakers complain the Energy Department has squandered much of the \$95 million it received since Congress created the program.

As of the end of July, the agency has paid only 31 claims out of about 25,000 filed. The \$700-million claim amounts to an average benefit of roughly \$22,500.

Administration officials declined to comment on their opposition to the Senate measure, except to point to a statement by the White House budget office citing concerns that a change would create an "unworkable process," cause more delays, increase costs and expand the program's scope.

Senators say their bill does not add new benefits, but would ensure that more workers eligible for compensation get it.

House members appear to be siding with the administration.

Rep. Zach Wamp, R-Tenn., said changing who runs the program would cause more delays. He also expressed concern about GOP members in Congress feuding with a Republican administration during a presidential election year.

Harry Williams, a former worker at the Energy Department's Oak Ridge, Tenn., facility, said he is a Republican who doesn't plan to vote for Bush this November as long as the administration continues to oppose the changes workers want.

"I voted for him last time, but this time around I don't think I will," Williams said. "As it comes to dealing with the working guy, his administration doesn't have a feel for it."

Democrats are generally trying to steer clear of politicizing the issue.

The workers were exposed to toxic substances such as radiation, heavy metals, asbestos and harsh solvents and acids. They often were not told what they were working with and did not have adequate protections.

## Doctors, English-only group object to law requiring health-care translators

The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Several doctors and a group supporting English as the nation's official language filed a lawsuit Monday challenging a Clinton-era executive order requiring federally funded hospitals, clinics and doctors to offer translation services for patients who speak limited English.

The plaintiffs said the order is an illegal intrusion into their practices and will further motivate

doctors to restrict their services or leave the industry.

The lawsuit, which names as defendants the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and its secretary, Tommy G. Thompson, challenges the 2000 policy on several fronts, including claims that it is expensive and limits doctors' free speech rights.

Health and Human Services issued guidelines for complying with the order last year. They advise health care providers to offer

their patients free translation services ranging from written materials and phone consultations to bilingual medical staff and trained interpreters.

Patients may use family members or volunteers but should be offered the option of a professional interpreter, according to the policy.

The lead plaintiff, San Diego orthopedic surgeon Clifford Colwell, attorneys from the Pacific Legal Foundation and the non-

profit group ProEnglish argue the order improperly interprets civil rights law to include language as part of anti-discrimination based on national origin.

ProEnglish, based in Arlington, Va., and Colwell filed a similar lawsuit in Virginia in 2002 that was dismissed for, among several reasons, lack of standing and failure to prove the plaintiffs were harmed by the order.

Dr. Jane Delgado, president and CEO of the National Alliance

for Hispanic Health, a Washington-based group that works to improve the health of Hispanics, said relatives are less useful when they can't accurately translate medical terms, or when a patient has a condition he or she doesn't want to disclose to family.

Dr. Jane Orient, executive director of the Association of American Physicians and Surgeons, a plaintiff in the lawsuit, said the order will lead doctors to move out of heavily immigrant communities or leave the profession.

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# U.S. astronomers find smallest planets yet

## Heavenly bodies belong to a new class — exoplanets — orbiting distant stars

BY JOSEPH B. VERRENGIA  
The Associated Press

American astronomers say they have discovered the two smallest planets yet orbiting near-by stars, trumping a small planet discovery by European scientists five days ago.

All three of these smaller bodies belong to a new class of planets orbiting distant stars, the scientists said Tuesday. The planets are roughly the size of Neptune in our solar system and are 14 to 18 times the mass of Earth.

The two new planets were spotted by two separate teams of U.S. researchers. Scientists not involved in the projects lauded both, saying their planets should be recognized as the first discoveries of planets in this class — rather than the Europeans who announced their planet last week.

The dueling announcements reflect the intensity of the race to discover exoplanets, or planets orbiting stars other than our sun.

The big prize, of course, would

be to find an Earth-sized planet capable of supporting life, but today's instruments cannot detect bodies that small.

Using an Olympics analogy, Carnegie Institution planetary theorist Alan Boss said the American groups have tied for first place and should share a gold medal.

Boss noted the Americans' findings have been accepted for publication by international science journals, while the discovery led by a pair of prominent Swiss astronomers still is being reviewed for publication.

"These two were submitted July and August, while the Swiss discovery is still in consideration," said Boss, who did not participate in any of the discoveries.

"On that basis," he said of the Europeans, "I would award them the bronze" medal.

Over the past decade, astronomers have found as many as 135 planets orbiting various stars, but all of them are giant gas planets similar to Jupiter and Saturn.

**"This star is the premier lab for study of the formation and evolution of planetary systems."**

**Barbara McArthur**  
Leader of a team of astronomers from the University of Texas

One of the new planets, located by University of Texas astronomers, is orbiting very close to the star named 55 Cancri, which is about the same size as our Sun and located 41 light-years away.

The star already had three known gas giant planets looping it in orbits that take anywhere from 14 to 4,520 days. The new planet

is the innermost of the quartet, orbiting the star in less than three days from a distance of about 3 million miles.

"This is the closest analog to our solar system," said astronomer Barbara McArthur, who led the Texas team. "This star is the premier lab for study of the formation and evolution of planetary systems."

The other new planet discovered by American scientists orbits a star called Gliese 436, that lies about 33 light-years from Earth in the direction of the constellation of Leo.

The Neptune-sized planet also hovers about 3 million miles from its star and whips around in its tight circular orbit once every 2.64 days.

It was discovered by premier planet-hunters Geoffrey Marcy of the University of California-Berkeley and Paul Butler of the Carnegie Institution. Together, they have spotted about half of the known exoplanets.

Aside from the exoplanet's size, what makes the discovery remarkable is that Gliese 436 is a red dwarf star that produces only 2 or 3 percent as much light as the Sun. Stars in this category account for 70 percent of the stars in the Milky Way galaxy, but until now, astronomers had not believed that such faint stars would yield new planets.

Now the planet-hunters say they are "revamping" their strategy.

"We estimate there is something like 20 billion planetary systems existing in our Milky Way galaxy alone," Butler said.

The European team describes its new object as a "super-Earth." The planet was spotted in June orbiting a southern hemisphere star called mu Arae located 50 light-years away in the constellation Altar. It orbits mu Arae every 9.5 days and has a temperature of more than 1,160 degrees.

Scientists cannot yet determine the composition of the new smaller planets. They said they could be made of rock and ice.

## Heading back to the sea



SEAWORLD ORLANDO/AP

The 500th sea turtle to be rehabilitated and released by SeaWorld Orlando's animal experts waded safely into the waters off the coast of Cocoa Beach, Fla., on Tuesday. This 100-pound loggerhead received six months of specialized care and rehabilitation at SeaWorld Orlando. SeaWorld handles the majority of its sea turtle rescues during the summer months because of increased boating and recreational activities in areas frequented by turtles.

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# Kennedy cousin quits job to fight lawsuit

BY NATHANIEL HERNANDEZ  
The Associated Press

CHICAGO — William Kennedy Smith said Monday he has resigned from the humanitarian group he founded while he fights sexual assault allegations leveled by a former employee.

"I am simply doing everything I can to protect the organization I love," Smith said in his first public appearance since Andrea Soulas filed a lawsuit last week alleging he sexually assaulted her five years ago.

Smith, the nephew of Sen. Edward Kennedy, denied he assault-

ed Soulas. He said friends worried that he would appear publicly by resigning from the Center for International Rehabilitation, which helps victims of land mines.

"The damage has been done, but the truth will be sorted out," said Smith, a 43-year-old medical doctor who was cleared of rape charges in a separate case in Florida in 1991. He did not take questions.

Soulas, 28, Smith's former personal assistant, is seeking at least \$50,000 in damages, the minimum that such a court action must demand under Illinois law.

She claims that Smith bought

her drinks while she was celebrating her birthday in January 1999 and that he later took her to his house, dragged her upstairs and sexually assaulted her.

Soulas continued to work for Smith until June 1999 and during that time had consensual sex with him on a number of occasions, according to her attorney, Kevin E. O'Reilly.

Smith said he had a five-month relationship with Soulas in 1999.

"It was in no way forced or coerced," he said. "I cannot dignify her allegations by repeating them, even to deny them, so all I can say is that they are false."

Smith's attorney, Dan Webb, said that one day before the lawsuit was filed, an attorney for Soulas wrote a letter to another attorney representing Smith and demanded \$3.3 million. Webb said the letter warned a lawsuit would be filed within hours if the money was not paid.

"Dr. Smith was determined not to give in to that kind of extortion, and that is why the lawsuit is on file," Webb said.

O'Reilly declined to comment when asked why he demanded \$3.3 million a day before the lawsuit was filed, but he said the lawsuit is "meritorious."

While the lawsuit goes into detail about the alleged assault in 1999, the statute of limitations for filing a civil lawsuit seeking damages for a sexual assault has expired.

Instead, the lawsuit seeks damages for a Jan. 9 voice mail that Smith left for Soulas. She says the call caused her "severe emotional distress, physical distress and mental anguish" and stemmed from an investigation into sexual harassment at the center.

Webb acknowledged that Smith had left the voice mail but said there was nothing harassing about it. He also said the cases filed by the other women had been "settled amicably."

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### Sex sells, "Tex-Sex" clothing line debuts

Anna Nicole Smith is launching her own clothing line in a style she calls "Tex-Sex."

The apparel line, Anna Nicole, includes jeans, T-shirts, tops and skirts, all combining the former Playboy Playmate's Texas roots and her sex-symbol style. The clothes are designed by both the 36-year-old blonde diva and professional designers of Southern California-based apparel company Von Dutch.

Smith's new clothing line was unveiled Monday at the Magic Marketplace, a fashion showcase, in Las Vegas.



Smith

### Cruise down 'Kirk Douglas Way'

California motorists cruise Coachella Valley desert streets named Gerald Ford Drive, Ginger Rogers Road, Dinah Shore Drive, Gene Autry Trail, Frank Sinatra Drive and Bob Hope Drive.

Now, there's **Kirk Douglas Way** near Palm Springs International Airport.

The city will rename Airport Road in honor of the film legend, a Palm Springs resident for more than a half-century. The renaming ceremony takes place Oct. 17, assistant city manager **Troy Butzlaff** said Thursday.

"One time he was offered to have a street named after him in Rancho Mirage," said his son **Joe Douglas**, who lives in Palm Springs. "He responded, 'No, I live in Palm Springs. Palm Springs is my home.'"

The younger Douglas has been trying to get a street named after his father, now 87, for some time.

"My dad told me to forget [it], but I couldn't forget it," Joe Douglas said.

Douglas was nominated for three Oscars — for his roles in 1949's "Champion," 1952's "The Bad and the Beautiful" and 1956's "Lust for Life." He received the American Film Institute's Lifetime Achievement Award in 1991, as well as an honorary Oscar in 1996.

### County legend impressed with newcomer

It's one thing to cover a country classic, and quite another to sing it with the legend who wrote it.

But that's what happened to country newcomer **Carly Goodwin** after **Willie Nelson** heard her sing "Crazy," the song he wrote and **Patsy Cline** made famous in 1961.

Nelson heard Goodwin's rendition on a demo tape a mutual friend had brought him.

He was impressed enough to invite Goodwin to perform it with him in Los Angeles in May.

Nelson and Goodwin recorded "Crazy" as a duet for Goodwin's debut album, to be released in October. And they'll sing it together at the annual Farm Aid concert on Sept. 18 near Seattle.

"Many females have sung 'Crazy,' but Carly's right up there with Patsy," Nelson said.

Goodwin, 23, said the experience fulfilled a dream.

"I made a list of goals and put it on my wall, and singing a duet with Willie Nelson was one of them," Goodwin said Wednesday.

"That big goal on the list is marked off now." Goodwin released a song earlier this year called "Baby Come Back Home" that was from the perspective of a soldier's wife. She has performed on several U.S. military bases, including Guantanamo Naval Base in Cuba.



Nelson

### Grammer, wife ready for new baby

"Frasier" star **Kelsey Grammer** and his wife, former Playboy model **Camille Donatelli**, are expecting a baby through a surrogate mother later this month, People magazine reports.

The couple's daughter, **Mason**, was born to a surrogate mother in October 2001.

Grammer, 49, won three Emmy Awards for his role as Dr. Frasier Crane on the popular NBC sitcom. He originated the character on the show "Cheers," where he was also nominated for an Emmy. "Frasier" ended its run earlier this year after



Grammer

11 seasons.

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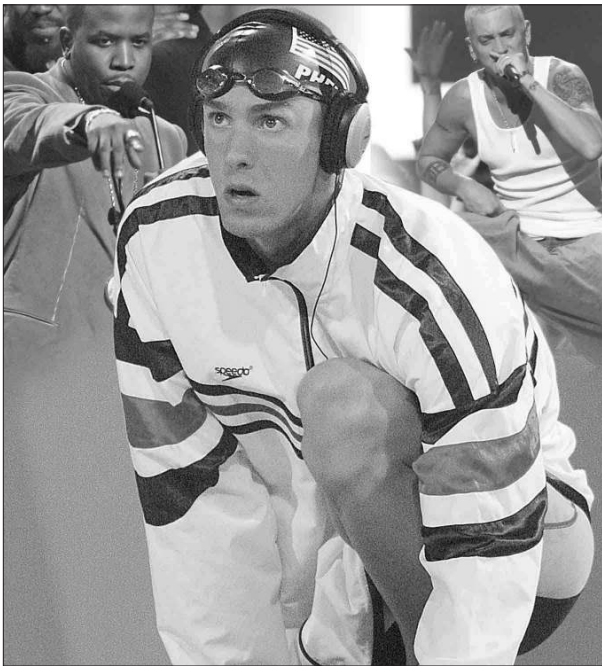


PHOTO OF MICHAEL PHELPS: CHARLOTTE (N.C.) OBSERVER/RTT; PHOTO OF BOB BOY OF OUTKAST: AP; PHOTO OF EMINEM: AP

U.S. swimmer **Michael Phelps** has us all wondering at the Olympic Games — not how he keeps his swimsuit up, but what was blaring through his ever-present headphones. The 19-year-old Maryland native used Eminem's "Til I Collapse" to give him the juice to snag his gold medals. His other favorites included OutKast's "Roses" and Usher's "Burn."

## Olympic medalists: The music moves 'em

BY HOWARD COHEN

Knight Ridder Newspapers

So many wonderful images from this summer's Olympics in Greece: Swimmer **Michael Phelps**' omnipresent perch on the medals platform; Aussie **Lin Thorpe** in his black bodysuit coming on like a shark against other swimmers; **Natalie Coughlin**'s beaming face as a member of the U.S. women's record-breaking 800-meter freestyle relay; cute-as-a-button American gymnast **Carly Patterson** dashing the rail-thin Russian's hopes for Olympic gold.

But one image kept replaying itself. There's a 6-foot-4 Phelps, the games' most hyped swimmer, standing at the block before each race with big, black headphones plastered to his head. He's winning gold, we thought, so what's he listening to that gets him so pumped up?

Of course, all that training, determination, body build and skill are responsible for turning the 19-year-old Maryland native into one of the greatest swimmers in history, but music can psych an athlete up to perform harder and faster.

For Phelps, rapper **Eminem**'s "Til I Collapse" gave him the juice to snag his first gold medal of these Olympics in the 400-meter individual medley. His other favorites, according to NBC's Olympics.com, include Usher's "Burn," OutKast's "Roses" and Twista's "Overnight Celebrity."

The overwhelming moments among the Olympics' athletes mirror the contemporary music charts: hip-hop and rock dominate.

Naturally, both genres get on a big beat, perfect for generating aggression. One wouldn't imagine classical or New Age music lighting anyone's fire.

Given that Phelps and many of these athletes came of age in the hip-hop era, it's hardly surprising that hip-hop is the music of choice for stars such as gymnast **Paul Hamm** and his twin **Morgan, Patterson**, swimmers **Kaitlin Sandeno** and **Maritza Correia**, runner **Monique Henderson** and hurdler **Lashinda Demus**.

Classic rock powers swimmer **Gary Hall Jr.**, diver **Caesar Garcia**, tennis star **Venus Williams** and swimmer **Amanda Weir**.

California swimmer **star Aaron Pierson**, who also loves surfing, goes for fellow surf aficionados **Chris Isaak** and **Pearl Jam**'s **Eddie Vedder**.

And if you were wondering whether Olympian **Andy Roddick** grooved to tunes from ex-lady love pop singer **Mandy Moore** on his iPod, think again.

The musicians the tennis humbly digs are rockers **Counting Crows**, hip-hop's **Kanye West** and rising singer-songwriter **Gavin DeGraw**.



## THURSDAY EVENING / SEPTEMBER 2, 2004

MOVIES

• SPORTS

J	6PM	6:30	7PM	7:30	8PM	8:30	9PM	9:30	10PM	10:30	11PM	11:30
6	AFN-P •ESPN Pacific Report	Everybody Loves Raymond Early reruns	Scrubs: My Self Examination Charles's brother is left at the airport	My Big Fat Obnoxious Fiance (CC)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation 'A' for Our Country Murder suspects are bound shot to death. (CC)	Pacific Report	The Tonight Show (CC)	Late Show (CC)				
7	AFN-AT 5:30 Guiding Light (CC)	General Hospital	Headline News	Judge Judy (CC)	Today (CC)	Aash! Real Monsters 'Makover' (CC)	The Weekenders 'Makover' (CC)	Yu-Gi-Oh! Duel Island	Mucha Lucha (CC)			
8	NEWS 60 Minutes II (CC)	The O'Reilly Factor (CC)	Good Morning America (CC)			Headline News	Channel One	The Early Show (CC)				
9	SPECT •(4:00) MLB Baseball Teams to Be Announced	•SportsCenter	•MLB Baseball Teams to Be Announced			Inspector Morse 'The Witch Is Dead'	Morse sets out to prove the innocence of men.					
10	SPORTS One Tree Hill 'I Shall Believe' Karen learns that Keith was driving while high after the accident. (CC)	The West Wing A security lockdown is imposed after a gunman fires shots at the White House. (CC)	Frontline 'The Plea' The moral, judicial and constitutional implications of plea bargains. (CC)			Inspector Morse 'The Witch Is Dead'	Morse sets out to prove the innocence of men.					
11	TMC (1:15) ••• The Hollywood Sign (2001, Comedy-Drama) Tom Berenger, Jacqueline Kim, Rod Stage. Three has-been stars have a plan to finance their comeback. R (CC)	•(1:15) ••• The Hollywood Sign (2001, Comedy-Drama) Tom Berenger, Jacqueline Kim, Rod Stage. Three has-been stars have a plan to finance their comeback. R (CC)	•(1:15) ••• The Hollywood Sign (2001, Comedy-Drama) Tom Berenger, Jacqueline Kim, Rod Stage. Three has-been stars have a plan to finance their comeback. R (CC)	•(1:15) ••• The Hollywood Sign (2001, Comedy-Drama) Tom Berenger, Jacqueline Kim, Rod Stage. Three has-been stars have a plan to finance their comeback. R (CC)	•(1:15) ••• The Hollywood Sign (2001, Comedy-Drama) Tom Berenger, Jacqueline Kim, Rod Stage. Three has-been stars have a plan to finance their comeback. R (CC)	•(1:15) ••• The Hollywood Sign (2001, Comedy-Drama) Tom Berenger, Jacqueline Kim, Rod Stage. Three has-been stars have a plan to finance their comeback. R (CC)	•(1:15) ••• The Hollywood Sign (2001, Comedy-Drama) Tom Berenger, Jacqueline Kim, Rod Stage. Three has-been stars have a plan to finance their comeback. R (CC)	•(1:15) ••• The Hollywood Sign (2001, Comedy-Drama) Tom Berenger, Jacqueline Kim, Rod Stage. Three has-been stars have a plan to finance their comeback. R (CC)	•(1:15) ••• The Hollywood Sign (2001, Comedy-Drama) Tom Berenger, Jacqueline Kim, Rod Stage. Three has-been stars have a plan to finance their comeback. R (CC)	•(1:15) ••• The Hollywood Sign (2001, Comedy-Drama) Tom Berenger, Jacqueline Kim, Rod Stage. Three has-been stars have a plan to finance their comeback. R (CC)	•(1:15) ••• The Hollywood Sign (2001, Comedy-Drama) Tom Berenger, Jacqueline Kim, Rod Stage. Three has-been stars have a plan to finance their comeback. R (CC)	•(1:15) ••• The Hollywood Sign (2001, Comedy-Drama) Tom Berenger, Jacqueline Kim, Rod Stage. Three has-been stars have a plan to finance their comeback. R (CC)
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25	SHOW (8:15) ••• 'Nobody's Baby' (2001) Street Union. Two brothers have different plans for an orphan. R (CC)	(8:15) ••• 'Nobody's Baby' (2001) Street Union. Two brothers have different plans for an orphan. R (CC)	(8:15) ••• 'Nobody's Baby' (2001) Street Union. Two brothers have different plans for an orphan. R (CC)	(8:15) ••• 'Nobody's Baby' (2001) Street Union. Two brothers have different plans for an orphan. R (CC)	(8:15) ••• 'Nobody's Baby' (2001) Street Union. Two brothers have different plans for an orphan. R (CC)	(8:15) ••• 'Nobody's Baby' (2001) Street Union. Two brothers have different plans for an orphan. R (CC)	(8:15) ••• 'Nobody's Baby' (2001) Street Union. Two brothers have different plans for an orphan. R (CC)	(8:15) ••• 'Nobody's Baby' (2001) Street Union. Two brothers have different plans for an orphan. R (CC)	(8:15) ••• 'Nobody's Baby' (2001) Street Union. Two brothers have different plans for an orphan. R (CC)	(8:15) ••• 'Nobody's Baby' (2001) Street Union. Two brothers have different plans for an orphan. R (CC)	(8:15) ••• 'Nobody's Baby' (2001) Street Union. Two brothers have different plans for an orphan. R (CC)	(8:15) ••• 'Nobody's Baby' (2001) Street Union. Two brothers have different plans for an orphan. R (CC)
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30	CNN Larry King Live (CC)	CNN World News	World Sport	Business International	Asia Tonight	CNN World News	World Sport	Business International	Asia Tonight	CNN World News	World Sport	Business International
31	GOLF •Ryder Cup Highlights Highlights and review of the 2002 Ryder Cup.	Inside the PGA Tour	What's in the Ryder Cup?	•Golf Talk Ryder Cup discussion.	•Golf Channel Academy	•Golf Central	•European PGA Golf Omega European Masters - First Round. From Switzerland. (Live)	•European PGA Golf Omega European Masters - First Round. From Switzerland. (Live)	•European PGA Golf Omega European Masters - First Round. From Switzerland. (Live)	•European PGA Golf Omega European Masters - First Round. From Switzerland. (Live)	•European PGA Golf Omega European Masters - First Round. From Switzerland. (Live)	•European PGA Golf Omega European Masters - First Round. From Switzerland. (Live)
32	TLC Clean Sweep 'The On My Goath Road' Organized toys and games. (CC)	In a Fix 'Southwestern Stakes' (CC)	Overhaul 'Dude, Where's My Sky-kat?' (CC)	Rides 'Topless' Roadsters.	Rides 'Topless' Roadsters.	Rides 'Topless' Roadsters.	Rides 'Topless' Roadsters.	Rides 'Topless' Roadsters.	Rides 'Topless' Roadsters.	Rides 'Topless' Roadsters.	Rides 'Topless' Roadsters.	Rides 'Topless' Roadsters.
34	TOON Samurai Jack	Dexter's Laboratory	Courage the Cowardly Dog	Justice League	Powerpuff Girls	Cartoon Cartoon	Cartoon Shirts	Cartoon Shirts	Cartoon Shirts	Cartoon Shirts	Cartoon Shirts	Cartoon Shirts
35	ANPL The Crocodile Hunter Steve introduces the photographers who have filmed his adventures. (CC)	The Planet's Funniest Animals	The Planet's Funniest Animals	The Planet's Funniest Animals	The Planet's Funniest Animals	The Planet's Funniest Animals	The Planet's Funniest Animals	The Planet's Funniest Animals	The Planet's Funniest Animals	The Planet's Funniest Animals	The Planet's Funniest Animals	The Planet's Funniest Animals
36	COM Late Night Judge Judy Law, Maggie Gyllenhaal. (CC)	The Daily Show Reb Reynolds. (CC)	Crossbats 'Mother Earth: Birth Pollution' (CC)	Mad TV Jamie Kennedy, Nelly. (CC)	Innocent Dave 'South Park Moving' (CC)	South Park Moving 'South Park Moving' (CC)	South Park Moving 'South Park Moving' (CC)	South Park Moving 'South Park Moving' (CC)	South Park Moving 'South Park Moving' (CC)	South Park Moving 'South Park Moving' (CC)	South Park Moving 'South Park Moving' (CC)	South Park Moving 'South Park Moving' (CC)
40	NGC-A Demolition Squad	Mazing Space	Toyota World of Wildlife 'Insists' (CC)	Planet Wild	The Dolphin Connections Understanding spin dolphin culture and behavior.	The Dolphin Connections Understanding spin dolphin culture and behavior.	The Dolphin Connections Understanding spin dolphin culture and behavior.	The Dolphin Connections Understanding spin dolphin culture and behavior.	The Dolphin Connections Understanding spin dolphin culture and behavior.	The Dolphin Connections Understanding spin dolphin culture and behavior.	The Dolphin Connections Understanding spin dolphin culture and behavior.	The Dolphin Connections Understanding spin dolphin culture and behavior.
42	SPKE Real TV	Real TV (CC)	World's Wildest Police Videos (CC)	World's Wildest Police Videos (CC)	World's Wildest Police Videos (CC)	World's Wildest Police Videos (CC)	World's Wildest Police Videos (CC)	World's Wildest Police Videos (CC)	World's Wildest Police Videos (CC)	World's Wildest Police Videos (CC)	World's Wildest Police Videos (CC)	World's Wildest Police Videos (CC)
43	FOX Fame The confrontation between Fame and a new teacher culminates in justice hospitalized.	Blind Date Flashy dates in Jamaica. (CC)	Blind Date Flashy dates in Jamaica. (CC)	Blind Date Flashy dates in Jamaica. (CC)	Blind Date Flashy dates in Jamaica. (CC)	Blind Date Flashy dates in Jamaica. (CC)	Blind Date Flashy dates in Jamaica. (CC)	Blind Date Flashy dates in Jamaica. (CC)	Blind Date Flashy dates in Jamaica. (CC)	Blind Date Flashy dates in Jamaica. (CC)	Blind Date Flashy dates in Jamaica. (CC)	Blind Date Flashy dates in Jamaica. (CC)
44	BET 10P Black BET's Top 10 Live Ashant; Shyne.	BET.com Countdown	The Parkers 'It's a Party' (CC)	The Parkers 'It's a Party' (CC)	The Parkers 'It's a Party' (CC)	The Parkers 'It's a Party' (CC)	The Parkers 'It's a Party' (CC)	The Parkers 'It's a Party' (CC)	The Parkers 'It's a Party' (CC)	The Parkers 'It's a Party' (CC)	The Parkers 'It's a Party' (CC)	The Parkers 'It's a Party' (CC)
46	COURT NYPD Blue 'A Daring Expedition' (CC)	Cops 'Coast' Police pursuit. (CC)	The System 'The System' (CC)	The System 'The System' (CC)	The System 'The System' (CC)	The System 'The System' (CC)	The System 'The System' (CC)	The System 'The System' (CC)	The System 'The System' (CC)	The System 'The System' (CC)	The System 'The System' (CC)	The System 'The System' (CC)
48	STR-WL The Simpsons	The Drew Carey Show	Star News Focus	Just Shoot Me	Smallville (CC)	Smallville (CC)	Smallville (CC)	Smallville (CC)	Smallville (CC)	Smallville (CC)	Smallville (CC)	Smallville (CC)
50	LIFE The Golden Girls Rose returns to the work force.	The Golden Girls Rose returns to the work force.	••• Video Voyeur: The Susan Wilson Amy Sheridan, Dale Midall. A woman and her family are secretly filmed in their home. (CC) (DVS)	••• Video Voyeur: The Susan Wilson Amy Sheridan, Dale Midall. A woman and her family are secretly filmed in their home. (CC) (DVS)	••• Video Voyeur: The Susan Wilson Amy Sheridan, Dale Midall. A woman and her family are secretly filmed in their home. (CC) (DVS)	••• Video Voyeur: The Susan Wilson Amy Sheridan, Dale Midall. A woman and her family are secretly filmed in their home. (CC) (DVS)	••• Video Voyeur: The Susan Wilson Amy Sheridan, Dale Midall. A woman and her family are secretly filmed in their home. (CC) (DVS)	••• Video Voyeur: The Susan Wilson Amy Sheridan, Dale Midall. A woman and her family are secretly filmed in their home. (CC) (DVS)	••• Video Voyeur: The Susan Wilson Amy Sheridan, Dale Midall. A woman and her family are secretly filmed in their home. (CC) (DVS)	••• Video Voyeur: The Susan Wilson Amy Sheridan, Dale Midall. A woman and her family are secretly filmed in their home. (CC) (DVS)	••• Video Voyeur: The Susan Wilson Amy Sheridan, Dale Midall. A woman and her family are secretly filmed in their home. (CC) (DVS)	••• Video Voyeur: The Susan Wilson Amy Sheridan, Dale Midall. A woman and her family are secretly filmed in their home. (CC) (DVS)
51	ABC-AT Full House Highlights from past seasons. (CC)	Full House Birth of a new series. (CC)	The Heaven 'Smoking' Charles learns to live with his new life. (CC)	The Heaven 'Smoking' Charles learns to live with his new life. (CC)	The Heaven 'Smoking' Charles learns to live with his new life. (CC)	The Heaven 'Smoking' Charles learns to live with his new life. (CC)	The Heaven 'Smoking' Charles learns to live with his new life. (CC)	The Heaven 'Smoking' Charles learns to live with his new life. (CC)	The Heaven 'Smoking' Charles learns to live with his new life. (CC)	The Heaven 'Smoking' Charles learns to live with his new life. (CC)	The Heaven 'Smoking' Charles learns to live with his new life. (CC)	The Heaven 'Smoking' Charles learns to live with his new life. (CC)
53	HIST Tales of Genghis Khan The rise of the great conqueror. (CC)	Modern Marvels 'Booby Traps' Booby traps way law enforcement. (CC)	Ancient Olympics 'Let the Games Begin' (N) (CC)	Ancient Olympics 'Let the Games Begin' (N) (CC)	Ancient Olympics 'Let the Games Begin' (N) (CC)	Ancient Olympics 'Let the Games Begin' (N) (CC)	Ancient Olympics 'Let the Games Begin' (N) (CC)	Ancient Olympics 'Let the Games Begin' (N) (CC)	Ancient Olympics 'Let the Games Begin' (N) (CC)	Ancient Olympics 'Let the Games Begin' (N) (CC)	Ancient Olympics 'Let the Games Begin' (N) (CC)	Ancient Olympics 'Let the Games Begin' (N) (CC)
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58	ADV I Total Adventure Kayaker Guy Baker.	•••Ballooning/Extreme Kayaking	The Hunt for Amazing Treasures	The Hunt for Amazing Treasures	The Hunt for Amazing Treasures	The Hunt for Amazing Treasures	The Hunt for Amazing Treasures	The Hunt for Amazing Treasures	The Hunt for Amazing Treasures	The Hunt for Amazing Treasures	The Hunt for Amazing Treasures	The Hunt for Amazing Treasures
59	MTV Road Rules Extreme: 'Chie' (CC)	Road Rules 'Extreme: 'Chie' (CC)	Direct Effect	Ladies of the VMAs	The Assistant	The Assistant	The Assistant	The Assistant	The Assistant	The Assistant	The Assistant	The Assistant
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## OPINION

## McCain courted on both sides of the aisle

**T**his is, of course, George W. Bush's week, the time that he is formally confirmed in his candidacy for a second term as president.

But Bush is staying away from the Republican National Convention until Thursday, and in his absence, the man of the hour is Sen. John McCain of Arizona. In addition to his prime-time speech to the opening session on Monday, McCain was host to a Sunday dinner that attracted virtually every big-foot TV and print journalist in America. This week, he is campaigning all day Tuesday with Bush.

The McCain phenomenon is remarkable. Rarely in modern political history has a man who failed to win the nomination of his party in one election loomed so large on the national stage as the next election.

Richard Nixon was a key player in national Republican campaigns for 20 years, from 1952 through 1972. Adlai Stevenson dominated the Democratic scene in 1952 and again in 1956, and was a serious contender for a third time at the Los Angeles convention that nominated John Kennedy in 1960.

But Nixon and Stevenson (like Hubert Humphrey and George H.W. Bush) won places on the national ticket as a prelude to their continuing influence on their parties.

By contrast, McCain captured only a handful of primaries in 2000 and fell far short of derauling the current president's march to victory. The closest parallel to McCain's

achievement can be found in Ronald Reagan, who threw a real scare into President Gerald Ford in 1976 and came back to win the nomination and the presidency in 1980.

But McCain's political achievement is more stunning than Reagan's in two respects. Reagan was able to return in 1980 because Ford had lost in 1976, leaving the leadership of the Republican Party wide open. And McCain, despite his defeat in 2000, has emerged as the most-courted, most-quoted politician — not just by Republicans, but by Democrats as well.

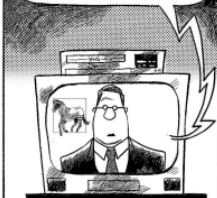
If there has ever been a time when the same officeholder has been pictured and cited in ads by both major party candidates, I cannot remember it. But John Kerry was using McCain to bolster his case against Bush (until McCain asked him to scrap those ads) at the same time Bush was recruiting McCain to campaign with him.

Both apparently think McCain has some magic dust that might rub off on them.

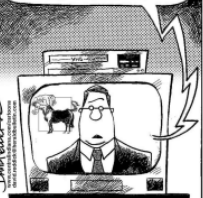
Kerry reportedly sounded out McCain on the possibility of forming a "national unity" ticket, with McCain in the No. 2 spot. Polls showed that if Vice President Cheney stepped down, McCain would be the most popular choice to replace him as Bush's running mate. McCain, a realist, said consistently all through this crazy year that neither of those things was going to happen — and he was right. ...

How to explain this phenomenon? The answer has to lie in McCain's success in satisfying the widespread public hunger for authenticity and candor in political leaders. The name he gave his campaign bus in 2000, "The Straight Talk Express," perfectly captured what voters now see in him — the rare Washington official who says what he thinks and lets the chips fall where they may.

A HALF-ZEBRA, HALF SHELTON PONY WAS BORN A WEEK AGO, PROMPTING THE QUESTION AS TO WHETHER TO DUB IT A "ZETLAND," OR A "SHEBRA."



IN RELATED NEWS, LAWMAKERS AND MEDIA ARE STILL PUNDERING AS TO WHETHER TO DUB JOHN MCCAIN A "DEMOPUBLICAN," OR A "REPUBLICRAT."



The current political situation puts a strain on McCain's ability to do that. But he is struggling manfully to keep his various roles straight without contradicting himself.

On the subject of Kerry, he says that the senator's Vietnam combat service was nothing but honorable and should not be criticized. He defends Kerry as a serious senator, but says frankly that he disagrees with his vote against funding the Iraq War — and on other security issues over the years.

When it comes to Bush, the parsing becomes even more refined. He has argued publicly that Bush should repudiate the ads

critical of Kerry's wartime service, but he says that is not important enough to cause him to consider threatening to withdraw his endorsement of Bush.

While threading his way through this labyrinth of issues and pressures, McCain also manages to preserve for himself the role of umpire on several reform issues.

It is a balancing act few could perform. But somehow, John McCain keeps all the balls in the air at once. I've never seen anything like it.

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## Allow M-1 Abrams tanks to prevail in future Najafs

**M**-1 Abrams tanks and Bradley fighting vehicles were decisive in defeating Muqtada al-Sadr's "Mehdi Army" in the fighting in Najaf just concluded, as they had been in earlier fighting in Iraq.

Jack Kelly

Until recently, and especially after the Russians' troubles in Chechnya, mya's capital, Grozny, the conventional wisdom was that armor was not as effective in an urban environment as it is in the countryside. Narrow streets restrict visibility and mobility. Tall buildings permit defenders to attack tanks and armored personnel carriers at their most vulnerable point. (The armor is thinnest on the top of the vehicle.)

But the Israelis and now the Americans have stood the old conventional wisdom on its head. They have shown that nothing is more effective in urban combat than armored vehicles, properly employed as part of a tank-infantry team.

The importance of armor in urban combat can be overstated. It's important to bear in mind that in Najaf we were fighting a remarkably incompetent foe, and that in Najaf there were no buildings so tall that the guns on an Abrams or a Bradley could not be elevated to engage people on rooftops.

Still, it is clear that other nations will be examining carefully the lessons learned in Najaf, and earlier in Baghdad, in rewriting their doctrine for combat in built-up areas.

Alas, it appears that the U.S. Army may not be among those paying much attention to the lessons of Najaf.

The Army seems hellbent on replacing

the armored forces that brought us victory with a lightly armored bus.

An armored bus. Think about the concept for a moment. They say that a camel is a horse designed by a committee. The Army must have consulted that same committee in coming up with the Stryker, which lacks the speed and agility of an armored car, but also lacks the firepower and armor protection of a Bradley. It is, however, very expensive.

The Stryker is the brainchild of Gen. Eric Shinseki, who was chief of staff of the Army in the last years of the Clinton administration. Shinseki was embarrassed when wheeled Russian vehicles were able to get to Kosovo ahead of U.S. tanks and Bradleys.

The Stryker is a super-sized version of the armored car the Marines have been using for decades. The LAV-25 is fast and maneuverable, and — with a turret-mounted 25 mm chain gun and a coaxial 7.62 mm ma-

chine gun — packs a wallop.

The Stryker is larger and heavier (19 tons vs. 11 tons), because the Army wanted it to carry a full 9-mm squad (6 vs. 6 for the LAV-25), and to have enough armor to protect against heavy machine guns. (The LAV-25 protects only against small arms.)

The gain in size and weight is a problem, because the Stryker is supposed to fit on a C-130 tactical transport. To try to satisfy this problem, the turret and chain gun were dispensed with. The basic Stryker is armed with either a .50-caliber machine gun or a 40 mm grenade launcher, which the gunner has to get out of the vehicle to reload.

There are a half dozen proposed variants of the Stryker vehicle, the nuttiest of which is the armored gun system, a 105 mm cannon mounted on a Stryker chassis.

It is a profoundly bad idea to put a big gun on a wheeled vehicle, because wheeled vehi-

cles lack the stability to absorb the recoil when the gun is fired. The cannon can't penetrate the armor of a modern tank, because the gun had to be dumbed down to lessen the recoil. Even so, in tests, the AGS has shown a disturbing tendency to flip over when the gun is fired, if the gun is not perfectly aligned along the center line of the vehicle.

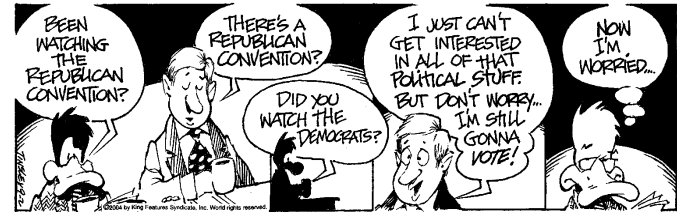
So the AGS doesn't work, wouldn't be of that much use even if it did, and can't fit on a C-130. But the Army wants it to replace tanks, which plainly do work.

Someone who learns only from his own experience is said to be a nitwit. So what do you say about those who refuse to learn from their own experience?

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## Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



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## Crime families

**NY** NEW YORK — An 18-month investigation called "Operation Family Affair" led to the arrests of 69 people on charges that they took part in a major drug trafficking operation that used children as lookouts and runners, prosecutors said.

Many of the suspects have family ties, prosecutors said. Five crews agreed on territory within the Remedeer, Unity and Long Island Baptist housing projects in East New York and sold about \$11 million yearly in crack cocaine or heroin, Brooklyn District Attorney Charles Hynes said Thursday.

Prosecutors said the investigation began in February 2003 because of increasing drug activity and violence in the neighborhood. Investigators found that members of the five crews used young people to try to insulate them from arrest, prosecutors said.

## Safer trains

**VA** FREDERICKSBURG — Virginia Railway Express trains are expected to be safer for passengers beginning this week when authorities begin using dogs trained to sniff out explosives for random searches of the rail cars.

The dogs and their handlers, which were to start the searches Monday, have been made available free of charge by a variety of local, state and federal agencies, including the FBI and U.S. Customs and Border Protection, VRE spokesman Mark Koerber said.

## Tollway overhaul

**IL** CHICAGO — Gov. Rod Blagojevich proposed a \$5.3 million overhaul of the state's tollway system that would eliminate congested toll plazas and rebuild 274 miles of roads.

The plan would also increase the rates for trucks and drivers not using an electronic I-PASS. The tollway authority is expected to vote on the plan next month. Toll increases could take effect as early as Jan. 1.

## Digging history

**NV** RENO — Digging for a train trench in downtown Reno unearthed a prehistoric site that researchers say may be 4,000 years old.

About 80 sites were found under different layers of soil at the same spot. Researchers believe frequent flooding probably covered encampments by prehistoric people close to the Truckee River.

## Hiccupping senator

**PA** UNIONTOWN — Some politicians can't stop talking; one Pennsylvania lawmaker couldn't stop hiccupping. But the state legislator has now beaten the affliction after weeks in the hospital.

State Rep. Larry Roberts, a Democrat running for re-election, was back in his office Tuesday after being released from a hospital where he had been treated since July.

"Not only were the hiccups debilitating, but I was not allowed to have anything in my mouth, so I had to deal with a feeding tube,

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and that made matters worse," Roberts said in a statement Tuesday.

Neither Roberts' staff nor the House Democratic Communications Office described the cause of the chronic hiccups or the treatment that helped him get a handle on it.

## Dad admits to murder

**AR** JONESBORO — Joshua Pfeifer, who's accused of beating his 11-week-old son, allegedly told authorities that he killed his 5-week-old daughter in Ohio in 1998, officials said.

Pfeifer, 28, is being held in lieu of a \$750,000 bond. He was arrested after hospital officials alerted police.

## Nursing rush

**OK** OKLAHOMA CITY — An effort by the state's health-care industry to attract more people to nursing resulted in more qualified applicants than the state's nursing schools could accept, officials said.

The University of Oklahoma College of Nursing can accept about 160 out of 370 qualified applicants, school officials said.

## High school hazing

**MN** HASTINGS — Prosecutors are considering misdemeanor assault and disorderly conduct charges against five



## Sharpening up

Annie Johnson, background right, loads the bin with decorated pencils to be capped with erasers at Musgrave Pencils Co. in Shelbyville, Tenn.

17-year-old boys who allegedly beat at least nine incoming freshmen at Hastings High School. Police say they were beaten with sawed-off hockey sticks — one imbedded with screws — as part of a hazing tradition in June.

## TVs on buses

**UT** SALT LAKE CITY — Starting next month, some Utah Transit Authority riders will be able to tune in while they ride the bus.

The UTA is installing three flat-panel television screens on two buses on Route 37. The televisions will feature advertisements, news, weather updates and clips from popular and mainstream television shows like "I Love Lucy."

## A very useful gift

**PA** YORK — York, a city struggling with its finances, has received a most practical gift.

An unknown donor dropped off a case of toilet paper at City Hall on Sunday. The gesture was in response to a recent comment made by York Councilman Wm. Lee Smallwood, who wondered how the cash-strapped city would close a \$25 million deficit in the police and fire pensions.

"We can't even afford toilet paper," Smallwood said.

Mayor John Brenner said the toilet paper was left at City Hall with a note from "a friend."

"It is amazing someone took it upon themselves to turn this into a practical joke," the mayor said Monday. The toilet paper was given to the public works department to be doled out, he said.

"What do you think we are going to do with it — decorate the trees? Of course we will use it," Brenner said.

Smallwood said it was comforting the public is paying attention to the city's problems. "They are just trying to help out," he said.

## Meth lab busts

**MO** JEFFERSON CITY — Through the first half of 2004, state law officers have seized 1,460 meth labs, the Missouri State Highway Patrol said.

That's slightly behind last year's midway mark of 1,685 meth lab seizures but still roughly on pace to meet or exceed the 2003 total of 2,860, the patrol said. Missouri has led the USA in meth lab seizures each year since 2001.

## DNC weapons stash

**MA** BOSTON — Police are sitting on an arsenal of weapons acquired in anticipation of violence that never materialized during the Democratic National Convention.

The Boston Police Department stockpiled \$160,000 worth of weapons for the four day event, including stun grenades, projectile launchers, rubber bullets, pepper spray and tear gas. But they made just five convention-related arrests during the four-day event in July and dealt with one minor scuffle between officers and protesters.

Boston police spokesman Beverly Ford told the Boston Herald that the weapons will be used for training. "They are not going to sit on the shelf and expire," she said.



## Waiting for her ride

Surya Kotha, of Baltimore, rests as he waits for delayed Amtrak train service to resume, at Penn Station in Newark, N.J.



## Fiddling around

Johnnie Wilkinson pulls her bass behind her as she leaves Fiddle Fest in Moulton, Ala. Wilkinson is with the Cullman County Bluegrass Band, who won fourth in the competition.





## Along for the ride

Emmanuel Takoda takes in the anti-Bush march organized by United for Peace and Justice in New York on the eve of the Republican National Convention.



## Flipped

Alamogordo Lady Tigers' Chelsie Black does a flip to get more distance while throwing the ball into play during a game against the Roswell Goddard Lady Rockets at the Riner Steinhoff Soccerplex in Alamogordo, N.M.



## When you gotta go

British 64th Regiment Afoot Sgt. Major Glenn Lunde of Saratoga Springs, N.Y., exits a portable toilet before an American action movie at the British encampment during a reenactment of the 1779 Battle of Newtown in Lowman, N.Y.



## Storming through the sea

A surfer takes advantage of large waves on Folly Beach in Charleston, S.C.

## Politicians needed

**VA** GORDONSVILLE — Voters casting ballots in the Nov. 2 town elections should bring pencils.

The mayor and three Town Council incumbents whose seats are up for election are calling it quits. Only former Orange County Supervisor Rick Wilkinson has qualified to run for one of the three council seats.

That means write-in votes will determine the other two.

The situation promises to get even more confusing because of incumbent Mayor Ernest Duncan's decision not to seek re-election.

Councilmen Bob Coirner and Steve Irving, whose terms run through 2006, are running to replace him. The winner's seat on the council will have to be filled through an appointment.

## Recovery house zoning

**VT** BURLINGTON — A home for recovering alcoholics and drug addicts is in violation of Burlington's zoning ordinance and has not corrected several code violations discovered during a May inspection by the city Code Enforcement Office.

The findings were described in documents released Thursday by the office, which gave owner Julie Casarico until Aug. 24 to stop using the two-story frame house as "a boarding house."

Casarico said that she is "still contemplating what our decision will be" in light of the city's decision.

She said in May that she wanted to place 12 men in the house at a rent of \$85 a week. In early August, six men were living there.

## Snow is no drought fix

**CO** DENVER — August snows closed two scenic mountain roads and dusted the high peaks with powder, but the early storm doesn't necessarily signal that Colorado is in for a drought-busting winter.

It's too early to say whether the rainy summer across most of eastern Colorado will turn into a snowy winter and break a five-year dry spell, climate experts said.

Melting snow provides about 80 percent of the water in Colorado's rivers and lakes.

Rain has been above average in many parts of eastern Colorado this summer, but the western part of the state is still dry and precipitation remains about an inch below normal there, State Climatologist Roger Pielke Sr. said.

## Stunt goes wrong

**AZ** PRESCOTT VALLEY — Two stunt planes collided Saturday during a practice session in northern Arizona, killing both pilots, authorities said.

Mike Corradi, 55, and Robert Sweiginnis, 64, who both taught at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, were practicing aerobatic maneuvers for an upcoming air show in nearby Prescott, said Gwen Raubolt, a spokeswoman for the four-year school. Corradi was the chief flight instructor, and Sweiginnis was the chair of the aeronautical science department.

Raubolt said.

## Irak game axed

**AZ** WILDWOOD — A boardwalk game called "Walk the Iraq" that drew protest from a civil rights group will close after Labor Day weekend and will be renamed next year, city officials said Friday.

The game, at Morey's Pier here in this oceanfront town, lets customers shoot paintballs at people dressed as Saddam Hussein and Osama bin Laden.

The New Jersey Chapter of American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee said the game fostered anti-Arab sentiment.

City Commissioner Fred G. Wager said the game will be shut down four or five days after Labor Day. The arcade remains open until mid-October, he said.

## Drive-by porn

**MO** KANSAS CITY — The owners of a strip club and a company that operates adult bookstores have sued the state of Missouri over a new law banning sexually oriented billboards near state highways.

The law took effect Saturday, a day after a federal lawsuit was filed by two companies who operate adult businesses along Interstate 70.

The law bans businesses whose sexually oriented materials comprise 10 percent or more of their display space from putting up billboard advertising within a mile of a state highway.

## Guiltily in car's porn show

**NY** SCHENECTADY — A man who was watching a pornographic movie in his car as police pulled up behind him has been sentenced to three weekends in jail.

Andre Gainey, 35, was arrested in February after police said images from the movie could be seen from outside his Mercedes as he drove through the city 11 miles west of Albany.

Police, who pulled up behind Gainey at an intersection, said the movie was playing on screens set into the passenger-side sun visor and the car's headrests.

Gainey, who was sentenced Friday, pleaded guilty in June to misdemeanor public display of sexual material.

## Running his mouth

**FL** TAMPA — A police officer who mumbled off while picking up his uniform at the cleaners has been indicted on a charge of threatening President Bush for allegedly saying he would shoot him and his father if someone gave him the bullets.

Joseph Mazagwu, 35, surrendered Friday on charges of threatening the president and lying to investigators. The rookie officer has been suspended from the force and could lose his job.

If convicted, he faces up to five years in prison. He had no comment after his first court appearance and was released on \$25,000 bail. The prosecutor said there was no evidence Mazagwu pursued the threat.

Stories and photos from The Associated Press

# Horoscope

After weeks of retrograde, Mercury goes direct, making our communication much more straightforward and logical. This could come as a relief, as simple transactions are once again possible. But there's another side as well. When it's difficult to communicate, we try harder and are made more aware of our desire to be heard.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (September 2).** You've got something special to offer the world this year, and the acceptance you feel is overwhelming. Singles start dating someone new this month, possibly a Libra or Gemini. Major commitments and wild adventures happen in October. Job success comes at the price of overtime hours in November.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** Strange happenings at the start of the day put you on guard. Knowing about new possibilities gives you more choices. Don't fear anything you can't control. (The flip side of the concept is to take control wherever you possibly can.)

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** You trump colleagues in a certain area but could feel that overall you're a little behind the ball. This is the prompt winners like you know to respond to immediately. A coach or mentor will help you keep your competitive edge.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** Resolve to get down to the nitty-gritty and do things the right way—in other words, do them once and for all—even if it means more work. If you rely on your charismatic presence while others toil away, you really miss out.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** Love comes in many different forms. New relationships spark up, and old ones resonate at a higher level of respect. If you've been suffering in a "job," you will finally start working on a "career" today.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** It's always a nice surprise when you discover yet another of your talents. You'll come across something new, perhaps a game or sport, and right

away, you've got a feel for how to do it well. This activity is worth pursuing further.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Your participation in a group shows everyone around that you're a team player, and generous, too. Career advancement comes when your work is seen by your immediate superior. Put yourself in the limelight.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** It's not a day for the faint at heart—challenges pop up right and left. It's like your navigating some kind of video game. Keep pushing to be the best. Old problems need new solutions. Clients welcome your insight.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** When you collaborate with others who are headed in the same direction, you'll reach a goal together. Something broken gives you a fantastic idea or produces a fortuitous meeting that wouldn't have happened otherwise.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Your poetic spirit is highlighted. This doesn't mean you'll be walking around rhyming to yourself (although you're certainly welcome to). You will be seeing the world vividly and associating new meanings with those pictures.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** Read, engage in witty banter, or do a crossword puzzle—anything to stretch mental muscles. Exercising your mind allows you to achieve confidence. Young people need support, in the form of ideas, money or a listening ear.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** You get to the meat of the matter quickly today, which is why you'll have some free time to blow later in the evening. (Free time? What a concept!) The age issue arises. Whatever yours is, there's much to be said for acting it.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** This is an excellent day to get on the phone and start moving some product—especially if your "product" is you. There are more people than you think out there who need exactly what you're offering.

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Calvin and Hobbes



Jump Start



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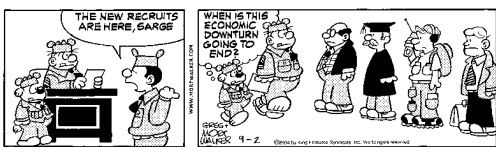
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Hi and Lois



Beetle Bailey



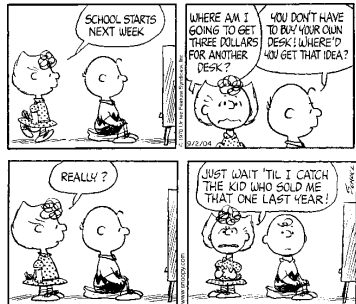
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Better or Worse



Peanuts



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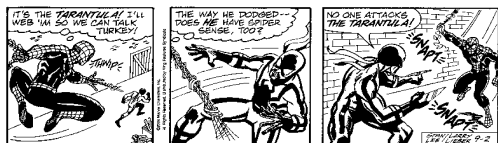
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Baby Blues



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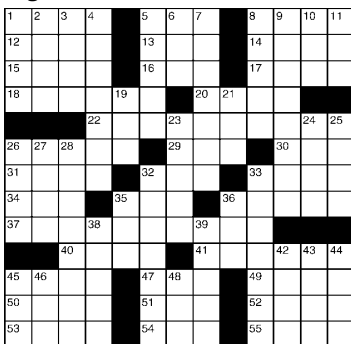
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## Eugene Sheffer Crossword



## Across

- 1 Pond growth  
5 Prouette  
8 Snatch  
12 Dart off  
13 Chapeau  
14 Carson's successor  
15 Stolen stuff  
16 Guitar's cousin  
17 Medley  
18 Preserve from decay  
20 Judicial garb  
22 Stay-at-home's restlessness  
26 Bushel divisions  
29 "You dirty —!"  
30 Big fuss  
31 Blunders  
32 Actor Holbrook  
33 Kourmikov or Karemina  
34 Whopper  
35 Common query, for short  
36 Oil of roses  
37 Intense excitement  
40 On  
41 Aide  
45 Bread  
47 George's brother  
49 Icicle's place  
50 Basilica area  
51 Reator's offering  
52 Needing extra immings

## Down

- 13 Skilled  
24 Come into view  
3 Amorphous mass  
4 Goes on the offensive  
5 Hitch a ride  
6 Erstwhile acorn  
7 Everlasting  
8 It's a small world  
9 Germane  
10 Singer DiFranco  
11 Shout  
19 Part of UNLV opponent

## Answer to Previous Puzzle



## 9-2

## CRYPTOQUIP

ZI IPO IOSSFR RKVVMU  
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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN YOU SPOT A  
CRIME OCCURRING IN PAVING GOO, YOU  
MIGHT SERVE AS THE TAR WITNESS.  
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: S equals N

# Taking steps for a better lifestyle

**Dear Abby:** I know you care passionately about individuals taking steps each day to improve the quality of their lives. Please help me spread the word about improving the health of millions of Americans.

Nearly two out of three Americans are overweight and at risk for diabetes, heart disease and other illnesses associated with obesity. Recent studies from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention indicate that overweight and obesity may soon surpass tobacco as the leading preventable cause of death in the United States. People need to know that conquering weight gain is more about taking a daily walk around the neighborhood than running a marathon.

Please encourage your readers to see for themselves how small steps can lead to big health benefits. Taking the stairs instead of the escalator, substituting fruit

for sweets, and eating only half portions of dessert can add up to giant steps on the path to a healthier life.

—Tommy G. Thompson, Secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
Dear Secretary Thompson:

You're right, mail on the subject of obesity does cross my desk. I'm pleased to promote your campaign because I want to do my part in helping my readers help themselves to longer, healthier lives.

It's interesting that you mentioned "steps" to better health, because coincidentally, I received the following a few days before your letter came:

**Dear Abby:** When I hit the scale at 250-plus, my blood sugar shot up and I knew it was finally time to take action. I had read an article about walking 10,000 steps a day and decided to try it.

It changed my life.

At first I couldn't walk more than 6,000 steps without hurting all over. It was discouraging, but it was my last hope, so I cut back to a manageable number of steps and increased gradually by about 500 steps a week. After three months, I was finally up to 10,000 steps a day.

I lost a pant size in three months, but there were more benefits: My appetite changed. I enjoy salads, vegetables, fresh fruit, lean meat. I began to discern the difference between being full and being satisfied.

Please, Abby, encourage your readers to check out a 10,000-step program.

—Leaner and Healthier in New York

Dear L and H: Congratulations for your progress and thanks for sharing your secret. When it comes to exercise, sometimes the hardest step to take is that first one.

Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 6940, Dallas, CA 95069. Readers can write to Abby on the Internet at <http://www.uepress.com/dearabby>

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## JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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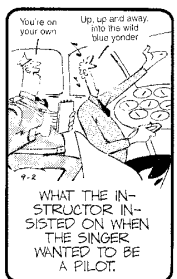
HESTIF

Answers: A " " " " (Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: OFTEN SCOUR POETRY HAPPEN

Answer: When he got a boomerang for his birthday, he enjoyed many — HAPPY RETURNS

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Mike Arginton



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answers tomorrow

# Grandmother not fit to baby-sit

**Dear Annie:** When my older sister died a few years ago, she left her 8-month-old son, "Timmy," in the care of my mother and stepfather.

Within three months, they were spanking him for everything, and as he grew more mobile, Mom was not able to care for him properly. After she called the police four times to catch him after he ran out of the house, Children's Protective Services took Timmy away. He was finally placed with his biological father.

Here is my problem: My wife just gave birth to our first child, a girl. My mother has been over to see her a few times and often says she would be more than happy to baby-sit. Actually, her offers border on insistent.

I love my mother, but I don't want my child left alone with her. I worry Mom will be irresponsible or abusive, and I can't take that chance. How can I suppose to keep my daughter

## Annie's Mailbox



safe without offending my mother?

—Concerned in California

Dear Concerned: Worry less about offending your mother and more about protecting your daughter. Tell Mom, "It's much too soon for us to be thinking about baby-sitting. We'll let you know." As far as we're concerned, you can repeat that until your daughter is 16.

**Dear Annie:** I read the letter about the couple who upgraded the cruise gift the in-laws gave them. It was outrageous anyone would do this. It's not as if the parents won't notice. How insulting.

When you are given a gift, you should accept it graciously. The parents certainly could have afforded a better cabin for themselves if they hadn't invited along their son and daughter-in-law. For the children to upgrade their cabin is rude and

ungracious. If this were my son, I'd cancel the trip.

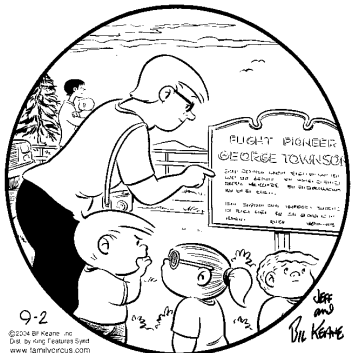
—Poor Etiquette in Wisconsin

Dear Wisconsin: Ungracious is a good word, but we'd rather believe the couple was simply taking advantage of a wonderful opportunity and meant no disrespect. Here's one more:

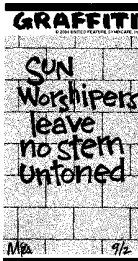
**Dear Annie:** You were right on the money when you said this might be a chance of a lifetime for their son and wife to take that kind of trip.

We had a similar situation when my in-laws purchased a two-day train trip for us to the Grand Canyon during a visit to Arizona. While we completely appreciated the wonderful gift, we decided to pay for an upgrade, since we probably would never get the chance to have that "first class" experience again.

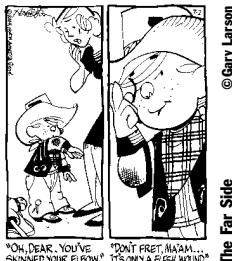
—Omaha, Neb.  
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"I don't like this state. It has too much history."



## Dennis the Menace

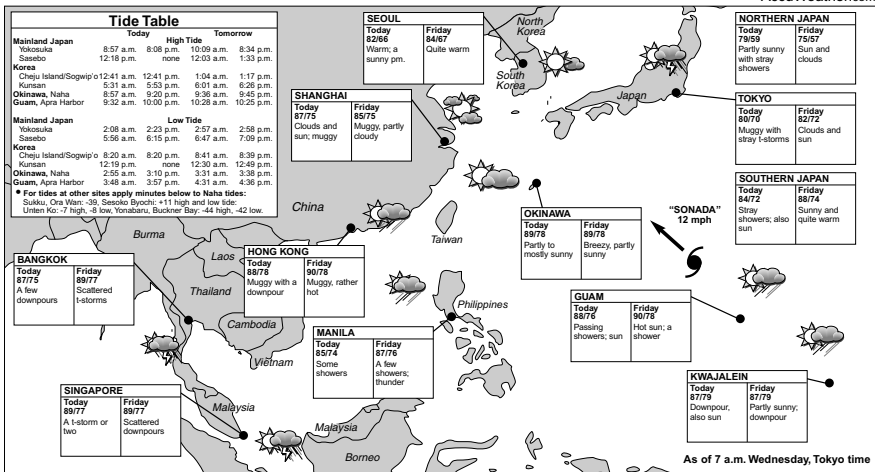




# The Pacific Forecast

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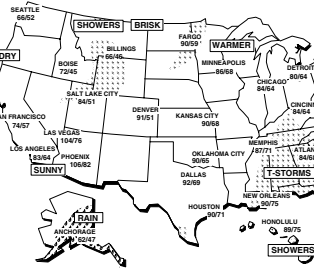
## Extended Forecasts

<b>TOKYO</b> Saturday: Showers, high 79, low 67. Sunday: Rain, high 82, low 77.	<b>KADENA</b> Saturday: Showers, high 87, low 75. Sunday: Showers, high 85, low 75.	<b>SEoul</b> Saturday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 84, low 67. Sunday: Mostly cloudy, high 85, low 68.	<b>MANILA</b> Saturday: Thunderstorms, high 87, low 76. Sunday: Thunderstorms, high 89, low 76.	<b>HAGATNA</b> Saturday: Showers, high 88, low 76. Sunday: Showers, high 88, low 76.
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## Tuesday's USA Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Albuquerque	86/60	Los Angeles	80/63
Amarillo	83/59	Little Rock	87/64
Anchorage	64/51	Louisville	83/63
Ashville	64/61	Miami	83/79
Baltimore	86/62	Milwaukee	73/59
Birmingham	86/68	Nashville	85/63
Bismarck	83/54	New York	85/67
Boise	96/66	Omaha	90/64
Boston	79/64	Orlando	93/74
Brownsville	93/72	Philadelphia	85/66
Buffalo	76/57	Phoenix	109/62
Burlington	78/65	Pittsburgh	80/66
Charleston, SC	90/74	Portland, OR	84/61
Charlotte	86/68	Portland, ME	82/61
Chicago	78/57	Salt Lake City	90/64
Columbus, OH	80/59	St. Louis	84/65
Duluth	63/52	San Antonio	93/70
El Paso	90/65	San Diego	79/66
Jacksonville	84/68	San Juan	89/78
Helena	92/55	Tampa	92/78
Indianapolis	82/61	Tulsa	92/66
Jacksonville	88/78	Washington	88/65
Kansas City	89/65	Wichita	92/66

## Thursday, September 02



## U.S. Extended Forecast

A strong front will pass through the northern Rockies and Plains Thursday. Gusty winds and lower temperatures will accompany the passage of the front. Meanwhile, very tranquil weather will be found across the southern Plains, Midwest, Ohio Valley and Northeast as the result of a large area of high pressure. A front will linger over the Southeast and there may be a few thunderstorms in the vicinity of the boundary. Dry, comfortable weather will continue in the Northeast Friday and Saturday. Showers and thunderstorms will accompany the front moving through the middle of the country. Hurricane Francis will approach the southeastern United States over the weekend.

## Thursday's Pacific Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Bangkok	87/75	Jeju	85/72
Beijing	86/68	Kadena AB	89/78
Camp Casey	85/65	Kunsan AB	84/68
Christchurch	80/58	Kwajalein	87/79
Diego Garcia	83/75	Manila	85/74
Hagatna	88/75	Masawa AB	83/63
Hanoi	86/78	Osan	85/65
Hong Kong	88/78	Perth	66/51
Honolulu	89/75	Pusan	84/70

## Thursday's World Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Acapulco	91/78	Katol	91/53
Athens	86/68	Kiev	70/49
Auckland	56/43	Kuwait	112/82
Baghdad	113/78	London	73/56
Barbados	88/72	Madrid	81/54
Barcelona	75/62	Mexico City	73/57
Berlin	70/56	Montreal	70/57
Bermuda	86/73	Moscow	88/73
Brussels	77/57	Mogadishu	74/44
		Warsaw	69/51



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Hair coloring is one of many options presented to pet owners at a Shanghai, China, pet show. This poodle is dyed with multiple colors. About 250 manufacturers showed the latest in pet care at a fair last week.

## It's a dog's pampered life

Pet treats include jewelry, clothes, gourmet food in China

BY ELAINE KURTENBACH  
The Associated Press

SHANGHAI, China — For the schnauzer that has everything, how about a sequin-studded raincoat? Would your Pekinese like some "chicken chip cookies?" Or earrings for your poodle?

China loves its dogs, and with incomes rising, owners are spending up to \$1,900 to buy breeds such as Pomeranians and pampering them with gourmet food, designer clothes and premium toys.

"They even have backpacks, like baby ones, so you can carry the dog around!" said Li Shuifang, proud owner of a Pomeranian. "I thought about getting one, but I figured my husband would say I was silly."

The world's major pet product suppliers are targeting China, betting on pet enthusiasm to drive big sales.

"China is very much an emerging market," said Mike Cusack, a director at Buddicks, an Australian maker of specialized pet shampoos, vitamins and other products.

Cusack, who was in Shanghai for a pet goods exhibition, happily pointed out products he thinks might be big hits in China: doggy breath freshener, sun screen and cat laxatives.

Dogs and other pets are especially popular with older Chinese empty-nesters in a society where life revolves around family but strict birth-control rules limit most couples to just one child.

Owners lavish attention on their pets, splashing out on custom-knit sweaters, booties and other comforts for them.

Still, keeping pets is not officially encouraged in China. Until the 1990s, the practice was banned as bourgeois.

Owners face registration fees of up to hundreds of dollars per year and strict limits on what animals they can keep and when and where they are allowed to walk them.

Authorities still round up unregistered pets and destroy them. With rabies common in China, many consider pets a public health hazard.

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Li Shuifang  
Pomeranian owner

But some restrictions are gradually being eased. According to state media reports, one in 10 Beijing families keeps a pet — despite prices that can run as high as \$1,800 for a snow-white Pomeranian puppy.

Speaking about the din of barking dogs in Shanghai's ornate exhibition center, many foreign exhibitors at the annual pet goods show said they were attending for the first time.

As sales growth slows in Japan and the United States, China offers producers new opportunities — both to sell and to manufacture their wares.

"Demand is exploding, and we have the technology," said Charles Ferreira, president of Rush Direct Inc., a Brazilian dog- and cat-food maker that recently began expanding into markets in North America and Europe, as well as Asia.

"The raw materials are cheaper here and if the market is good, it makes sense to shift production here," said Ferreira. "Dogs will eat anything, but cats are very selective."

Ying-mo Hwang, general manager of the South Korean doggy treat maker BowWow Korea, was handing out samples. BowWow advertises its "chicken chip cookies" and salmon cheese rolls as low-fat, low-salt treats.

"We'll see how sales go here, and if they're good, we might look for a partner and invest in a factory," Hwang said.

Chinese makers are also catching on, and offering some of the most lavish accessories.

The Bobo Pet Articles Factory, based in the eastern city of Shaoxing, sells 35 types of shampoo and conditioner for dogs and dozens of types of collars, chains, leashes, harnesses, toys — even embroidered Chinese silk jackets.

But it was Smart Way Pet Supplies Co.'s stand at the Shanghai exhibition that stole the show with its scores of doggy frocks, plush quilted dog beds and sequin-studded collars.

The company in the southern city of Panyu also sold ornate pewter pet collars and doggy sunglasses.

And how about a pair of dangling pink poodle earrings, meant not just for owners, but for their dogs as well, said the enthusiastic young woman in the booth: "You can have matching earrings and necklaces!"





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### Ladies Night Out September 3 from 1800 to 1900

Enjoy an evening with your girlfriends and all of you will receive a free non-alcoholic drink

### Seaside Twelfth Anniversary September 5 from 0930 to 1400

Join us to celebrate this special day with brunch for only \$8.95 adult and \$5.95 child

### Labor Day Special September 6 from 1700 to 2100

Enjoy dinner with your family and friends and receive free dessert and coffee

## Club Takemiya 246-8075

### Now through September 30 National Chicken Month

Receive \$1 off all our tasty lunch and dinner chicken items

### Eddie Cotton Performance September 4

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### Yokosuka Jazz Band September 11 and 25 from 1700 to 2100

Enjoy the smooth sounds of live jazz

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### National Hispanic Heritage Month Now thru September 30

Celebrate with exciting new Hispanic lunch specials every Thursday

### Outdoor Happy Hour September 10 from 130 to 1930

Relax at this fun event featuring spicy Mexican foods and sizzling Latin entertainment in honor of National Hispanic Heritage Month

### National Grandparents' Day September 12

Celebrate this special day when grandparents receive \$2 off brunch by showing a photo of their grandchildren

### Gourmet Night September 15 from 1700 to 2100

\$21.95 per person. Tickets now on sale

## Club Alliance 243-5951

### Labor Day September 6 from 1700 to 1830 at Sharky's Beverage Company

Enjoy free hors d'oeuvres on this very special day

### Japan Jam Comedians September 23 at 1900 Sharky's Beverage Company

Enjoy laughter with Mimi Gonzales and Peter Johansson at this adult comedy show. May contain language some find offensive

## Negishi Club 242-4151

### Mongolian BBQ Tuesdays from 1700 to 2100

### Prime Rib Night Saturdays



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## AFN schedule

Times listed are Japan and Korea Standard time. Games are one hour ahead; Sweden and Hong Kong are one hour behind. Schedule subject to change without notice.

## AFN-Atlantic

**THU, Sept. 2, at 8 a.m.** — Pro baseball: Anaheim vs. San Francisco.  
**FRI, Sept. 2, at 8:30 a.m.** — College football: Texas A&M vs. Utah.

## AFN-Pacific

**THU, Sept. 2, at 8 a.m.** — Auto racing: CART (Champ Car) New England.  
**FRI, Sept. 2, at 11 a.m.** — Pro baseball: Colorado vs. Minnesota.  
**FRI, Sept. 2, at 4 p.m.** — Pro baseball: Texas vs. Minnesota.

**THU, Sept. 2, at 8 p.m.** — Pro baseball: Anaheim vs. Boston.  
**FRI, Sept. 3, at 8 a.m.** — Pro baseball: Oakland vs. Chicago White Sox.

**THU, Sept. 3, at 8:30 a.m.** — Pro tennis: U.S. Open, Day 5.

**FRI, Sept. 3, at 1 p.m.** — Pro football: NFL pregame, Jacksonville vs. New England.  
**FRI, Sept. 3, at 5 p.m.** — College football: North Carolina vs. Wake Forest.

**FRI, Sept. 3, at 9 p.m.** — Hockey: World Cup: North American round-robin, Russia vs. Team USA.

**FRI, Sept. 3, at midnight** — Pro tennis: U.S. Open, Day 5.

## Pro basketball

## WNBA

**EASTERN CONFERENCE**

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	13	2	.869	0
Washington	12	3	.800	1
Detroit	13	4	.763	2
Chicago White Sox	10	7	.588	5
Washington	12	4	.750	2
Phoenix	10	6	.625	3

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	17	1	.944	0
Seattle	17	2	.895	1
Phoenix	15	4	.789	2
Phoenix	12	6	.667	5
Phoenix	10	8	.556	7
Phoenix	12	4	.750	2
Phoenix	10	6	.625	3

**Wednesday's games**  
 Atlanta at Washington  
 Connecticut at Charlotte  
 Phoenix at Detroit  
 Minnesota at Houston  
 Dallas at Seattle  
 San Antonio at Los Angeles

**Pro soccer**

## Major League Soccer

**Eastern Conference**

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Metrosports	9	6	.600	0
Chicago	8	7	.538	1
D.C. United	6	9	.400	3
New England	5	10	.333	4
Chicago	5	8	.385	5

**Western Conference**

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Kansas City	10	6	.625	0
Los Angeles	10	6	.625	0
Portland	9	7	.563	1
Dallas	9	5	.643	0
San Jose	9	5	.643	0

**Saturday's games**  
 D.C. United vs. New England, 12 p.m.  
 Chicago vs. Chicago, 1 p.m.  
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# Hawaii QB Chang chasing NCAA career passing mark

## Senior 2,218 yards behind Detmer's 13-year-old record

BY JAYMES SONG

The Associated Press

HONOLULU — Hawaii coach June Jones knew special things were in store for his football program when a lanky, baby-faced teenager first stepped onto the Maunaloa practice field in 2000 and completed eight straight passes.

Since then, Timmy Chang has thrown for 12,814 yards and 79 touchdowns and is closing in on becoming the most prolific passer in college history.

The senior quarterback needs 2,218 yards to break the 13-year-old NCAA career passing mark of 15,031 set by Brigham Young's Ty Detmer, who won the Heisman Trophy in 1990.

Chang, who is 1,030-for-1,834, also has passed for 1,834 yards, 12,814 yards and 79 touchdowns (1,231) and pass attempts (1,883), held by Texas Tech's Cliff Kingsbury. With 67 interceptions thrown, Chang is on the verge of breaking Purdue quarterback Mark Herrmann's record of 73.

Barring injury or any mental lapses that lead to his benching last year, Chang — who averages 32.4 passing yards per game — could surpass Detmer's record by midseason.

"I had envisioned this happening if he had stayed healthy," Jones said. "The first time I saw him in our training camp, I knew he would play as a freshman. And anybody that lines up and plays 12 games a year in this offense is going to have a shot at that record."

### How they compare

Statistics for NCAA career passing leader Ty Detmer and Hawaii senior Timmy Chang:

School	BYU	Hawaii
Years	1986-91	2000-current
Games	46	46
Completions	958	1,030
Pass Attempts	1,530	1,834
Completion Pct.	62.6	56.2
Touchdowns	121	79
Interceptions	65	67
Yards	15,031	12,814
Yards/Game	323.76	220.4

Source: The Associated Press

If he does break Detmer's record, Chang said it is a reflection of all his coaches and teammates — past and present.

"Football is the biggest team game," he said. "You got 11 guys on the field that need to work together to accomplish one goal. It would be selfish to award myself, so I would never do that."

Hawaii is touted Chang as a Heisman hopeful. He could have a big season, given that 10 offensive starters are returning from last year's 9-5 squad, which was second in the nation in passing.

He has already set or tied 36 school records and eight Western Athletic Conference marks. Not bad considering he didn't play the sport until his high school.

"Football wasn't a part of my childhood experience other than on the streets," Chang said. "I love basketball more than football, even now. But football was a tool for me to get ahead."

The youngest of three children, Chang said he focused on football to lessen his parents' financial

burden of paying for a college education. He expects to graduate next spring with a liberal arts degree.

Despite his lofty numbers, Chang has struggled with injuries and inconsistency.

Last year, he was booed by the home crowd and benched late in the season for ineffectiveness. However, he came off the bench and threw for 475 yards and five touchdowns in a 54-48 triple-overtime victory over Houston in the Hawaii Bowl.

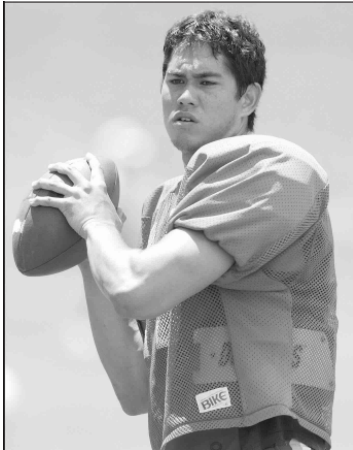
Chang said his most difficult time was when he suffered a season-ending wrist injury just three games into the 2001 season.

"That was my lowest point. It's hard when you train so hard and all of a sudden you're not able to play. I was hurt emotionally and physically," said Chang, who was granted a medical hardship by the WAC.

"Going through adversity, being hurt, playing through injury, being booed, being disrespected by the home home fans," has only helped, Chang said. "As they say, if it doesn't kill you, it will only make you stronger."

Jones said Chang, who was a star quarterback at his Hawaii high school, has to expect criticism wherever he plays.

"My feeling with quarterbacks is, you better get used to it," Jones said. "If you're under the center with any football team, you got to get the job done. We throw the ball, so just by nature there's a little more on you. But the bottom line is if you can't handle it, then



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you can't handle it. He's been able to handle it."

The 6-foot-2, 194-pound Chang always had the athletic build, but it was a just matter of maturing, his coach said.

"He had to grow up a lot, what I think he has over the last 4½ years," Jones said.

Chang, 22, said he feels stronger "mentally, emotionally and physically," and teammates have noticed.

"He is so much more confident, knowing we all have his back," cornerback Abraham Elumina said. "No matter what, Timmy

Chang is the man. He's the guy we're going to fight for. The better he does, the better we're going to do, too."

Chang said he's not too worried about surpassing Detmer's record, pointing out it's not a given that he'll break it.

"I've learned over the years, so many things can happen and nothing's a guarantee," he said. "What I've done is focused on the little things. The records and the success will come if you concentrate on the small things."

Hawaii's season opens Sept. 4 at home against Florida-Atlantic.

## Longhorns mascot being put out to pasture

The Associated Press

AUSTIN — It's official. Bevo XIII, the University of Texas steers mascot, is being put out to pasture to make way for a new longhorn.

Pregame and halftime ceremonies at Saturday night's football

home-opener against North Texas will usher in a new Bevo, a 2-year-old checking in at about 1,300 pounds.

Officials with the Silver Spurs spirit club that manages the mascot have been considering retiring the 20-year-old Bevo XIII since before last season's Holiday

Bowl.

After 16 seasons on the sidelines, they decided he'd had enough.

"He's given us so much," said Colby Muecke, student president of the Silver Spurs. "He's going to live out his days chewing grass and walking the pasture."

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# Safin ousted

Enqvist beats  
2000 champion;  
Henin-Hardenne,  
Henman prevail

BY HAL BUCK  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Four years ago, Marat Safin marched onto the center court at the National Tennis Center and defeated Pete Sampras to capture the U.S. Open title. He was a Grand Slam champion at age 20.

It seems a lifetime ago. Safin came into this year's Open seeded No. 13 and was sent



home early, beaten Tuesday by Thomas Enqvist 7-6 (5), 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.

The famous Safin temper surfaced only occasionally. He seemed confused at times, shrugging his shoulders, and was unable to solve Enqvist, who once was ranked No. 4 in the world but dipped as low as No. 95 last year. Enqvist came into this tournament at No. 59.

Safin seemed on the road back to prominence earlier this year when he reached the finals of the Australian Open before losing to Roger Federer. After that, he failed to win back-to-back matches on hard court until reaching the quarterfinals at Cincinnati earlier this month.

Then came the match against Enqvist and a quick exit in the Open.

Fifth-seeded Tim Henman won't be leaving early. His back aching, Henman asked U.S. Open organizers for a one-day delay of his first-round match in the final round Slam of the season, but blisters served as his high as 140 mph.

Henman, making his 10th straight appearance in the Open, played carefully, trying to avoid further injury. He withstood 39 shots from Karlovic, who blasted serves as high as 140 mph.

He also avoided mistakes, playing smart, tactical tennis to overcome the 6-foot-10 Karlovic, who hit 84 winners but had 54 unforced errors.

Earlier, Justine Henin-Hardenne began defense of her U.S. Open championship, defeating 15-year-old qualifier Nicole Pietrangola 6-1, 6-4 in a match that turned out to be more difficult than she might have expected.

Seeded No. 1 and armed with the Olympic gold medal, Henin-Hardenne came in as a major favorite against the teenager from the Czech Republic, who



Serena Williams, who beat Sandra Kleinova 6-1, 6-3 on Monday, shows a different look during her warm-up in the U.S. Open. Tournament officials did not allow her to play a match in the knee-high boots.

was making her U.S. Open debut. But after zipping through the first set in 17 minutes, Henin-Hardenne ran into some difficulty in the second set.

Vaidisova broke her serve twice and the defending champion seemed visibly frustrated.

Playing in just her second tournament after missing much of the summer with a viral infection, Henin-Hardenne suddenly began making unforced errors and fell behind in the second set 1-4.

The No. 1 player in the world recovered her poise and won the next five games to complete the victory against Vaidisova, who captured her first tour title at Vancouver earlier this month and played impressively against Henin-Hardenne.

"I had a cold and was not feeling well the last few days," Henin-Hardenne said. "She started playing better and I wasn't ready for it."

Vaidisova was excited about the center court setting and her opponent. "I was very excited, but there were nerves, too, because I was playing on Ashe against the No. 1 player in the world," the young-

ster said. "I have a lot of respect for her. I see from the match how much I need to improve."

French Open champion Anastasia Myskina, seeded No. 4, defeated Ludmila Cervanová 6-1, 6-0 in just 42 minutes and No. 5 Lindsay Davenport, who came into the Open with four straight hard-court tournament victories, defeated Liubomira Kurhajcova 6-4, 6-0 in 50 minutes.

In other early matches, No. 10 Nicolas Pietrangola ousted Joacquin 6-4, 6-0, 6-2; No. 14 Nadia Pietrangola defeated Zheng Jie 6-0, 6-1; No. 15 Paradorn Srichanphan defeated Victor Hanesescu 4-6, 6-4, 6-1, 6-1; No. 22 Dominik Hrbaty played well against Hernandez 6-1, 6-2, 6-1; and Lisa Raymond defeated Alina Jidkova 7-5, 6-3.

Tuesday's schedule also included the No. 1 Venus Williams against Petra Mandulic, and No. 9 Svetlana Kuznetsova against Seda Karantcheva.

Defending men's champion Andy Roddick, seeded No. 2, beat the evasive young man, facing Seda Karantcheva against Wimbledon champion Maria Sharapova, seeded No. 7, plays Laura Granville.

# NHL labor strife figures to intensify second World Cup

BY NICHOLAS J. COTSONIKA  
Detroit Free Press

DETROIT — Strange. Ironic. Maybe even sad. Those are some ways to describe the World Cup of Hockey, considering it's a joint venture of the NHL and NHL Players' Association — the same league and union engaged in a labor war threatening to shut down the upcoming season.

The NHL and NHLPA can't agree how to divide \$2 billion in annual revenues, but they can stage an eight-team, trans-Atlantic tournament and then split the profits.

Then again, considering this tournament might be helped by the labor situation, that it continues the tradition of high-level international hockey and that it might be the best North American-style hockey there is, there are other ways to look at it.

"This is going to be a wonderful tournament," U.S. coach Ron Wilson said.

Hockey is back, but for how long?

The collective bargaining agreement between the NHL and NHLPA expires Sept. 15, and with the owners pushing for cost certainty and the players refusing to accept a salary cap, a lockout is expected.

The situation is on everyone's mind — so much so that the Americans made a team rule banning talk about it during the tournament — and the uncertainty might motivate the players.

"I think everybody wants to enjoy the time," U.S. center Mike Modano says. "Who knows when the next time we're going to play?"

If an agreement is reached and a lockout is averted, the NHL product, including the Stanley Cup playoffs, won't look like a lost season.

Yes, the Summer Olympics just ended, and football's just starting. But some of the best hockey has been played this time of year.

It all began with the 1972 Summit Series, which pitted Canada's NHL stars against the Soviet national team. That landmark event will always be remembered for Paul Henderson's winning goal in the eighth and final game.

It continued with five Canada

Cup tournaments from 1976 to 1991, plus the Challenge Cup in 1979 and Rendez-Vous '87.

The original purpose was to test North America's best against Europe's best, with so much talent otherwise hidden behind the Iron Curtain. But now that the Iron Curtain has come down, that the NHL includes stars from all over the world and that there is more parity among nations, the purpose is simply world-class competition.

The World Cup was created in 1996, and NHL players went to the Winter Olympics in 1998 and 2002. The level of play was impressive in all three tournaments. But many people — North Americans anyway — preferred the World Cup.

"I've never played hockey like that," said U.S. center Doug Weight, who played in all three events. "I could do it every year."

In the Olympics, players show up in midseason form and put on an impressive show of skill. But they have virtually no time to prepare (one or two practices), bring the baggage of the season with them (slumps, injuries) and play by international rules (bigger rink, no red line).

In the World Cup, players are rusty after a summer's rest. But they have 10 days of training camp with three exhibitions to prepare.

"They're fresh and healthy. And they play by NHL rules. The smaller rink brings more of a physical element to the game."

Several stars, for various reasons, have pulled out of this tournament. Still, it's billed as "best-on-best."

"It's totally different than any other thing," Wilson said. "The players aren't playing in this because it's just some summer fun tournament that you get yourself involved in. And they're not using this to get ready for the season. They don't know if there's going to be a season. They want to win the World Cup."

"It's what you'd like to see in an All-Star Game. But you could never replicate that kind of intensity. When you represent your country, it just means something extra. It's hard to describe."

It's the same if even one works out, this is almost the best hockey you can possibly imagine."

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## U.S. schedule

Aug. 31 at Montreal  
Canada vs. U.S.  
Sept. 1 at St. Paul, Minn.  
U.S. vs. Russia  
Sept. 3 at St. Paul, Minn.  
Slovakia vs. U.S.  
Quarterfinals, Sept. 6-8  
Semifinals, Sept. 10-11  
At St. Paul, Minn. and Toronto  
Championship, Sept. 14  
At Toronto

## Finns, Swedes win openers

The Associated Press

STOCKHOLM, Sweden — Mats Sundin had a goal and two assists to lead Sweden past Germany 5-2 Tuesday in the World Cup of Hockey.

Kim Johnson, Marcus Nilsson and Frederik Modin also scored second-period goals for Sweden against goalie Olaf Kolzig.

Sweden outshot Germany

42-19.

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# U.S. volleyball player charged with assault

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Former Hawaii volleyball standout and U.S. Olympic team member Clay Stanley was charged with assault Monday, accused of hitting a pregnant woman during a scuffle.

Stanley, who played three seasons at Hawaii, lives in Greece and plays for a local team.

Stanley was taken before a judge, and requested and received two days to prepare his defense. He was ordered held pending the trial, which is scheduled Wednesday.

Stanley was at a nightclub with teammates after the closing ceremonies and has little or no recollection of the incident that led to his arrest, said relatives in Honolulu — including his father and stepfather — who have been in contact with Stanley's girlfriend in Athens.

U.S. coach Doug Beal, who is with Stanley in Greece, said the player was "depressed."

"It's hard to piece together what happened," Beal told the Honolulu Star-Bulletin by telephone from Athens. "I'm disappointed for Clay, embarrassed for him, USA Volleyball, the U.S. Olympic Committee and for me, personally."

"We will get Clay all the help that we possibly can. We will do everything possible to help him get through this. The charges are serious, the potential sentence is serious and Clay is well aware of how serious this is."

The U.S. team completed competition Sunday, losing the bronze medal match to Russia.

Stanley had 10 kills and two aces in the loss and finished Olympic play seventh in points with 110 and second in aces with 17.

Stanley's father, Jon, played on the U.S. volleyball team in the 1968 Olympics. The Stanleys were the first father and son to compete in Olympic volleyball.

## La Salle picks Lochner as women's basketball coach

PHILADELPHIA — Tom Lochner was chosen as women's basketball coach at La Salle on Monday to replace John Miller, who resigned amid allegations he failed to report a rape involving one of his players.

Lochner, an assistant coach under Miller for 17 seasons, had been promoted to associate head coach in 1998.

Miller and men's coach Billy

## Sports briefs

Hahn resigned in July after two members of the men's team were charged with rape after a New Haven women's player claimed she was sexually assaulted. One of Miller's former players came forward, claiming she was raped by a member of the men's team in 2003 and advised by the coaches not to report the incident.

Miller and Hahn both deny the allegations. Hahn was replaced last week by former Maine coach John Giannini.

## Blazers reach deal with Miles

PORTLAND, Ore. — The Portland Trail Blazers agreed to terms with restricted free agent Darious Miles on Tuesday.

Details of the contract were not immediately released.

Miles was acquired by Portland last season in a trade with the Cleveland Cavaliers.

The 6-foot-9 forward provided an instant boost to the Blazers on the court and in the locker room.

## Bobcats sign guard Knight

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Point guard Brevin Knight signed with the Charlotte Bobcats on Tuesday, making him the most experienced player on the expansion team.

The 5-foot-10 Knight has averaged 7.2 points, 6.1 assists and 1.8 steals in his seven-year career. He averaged 4.7 points and 3.6 assists in 56 games for Phoenix, Washington and Milwaukee last season.

## Former UConn assistant sentenced to community service

HARTFORD, Conn. — The Connecticut assistant men's basketball coach who resigned after being arrested in a prostitution sting agreed Monday to perform 10 days of community service and undergo counseling. Clyde Vaughan, 42, entered a conditional plea in Hartford Community Court to settle charges of soliciting prostitution and interfering with police. If he completes the community service and counseling, the charges will be dismissed.

Vaughan resigned last week following his arrest Aug. 18, and the disclosure that he had been arrested twice before in other states on similar charges.

# jury selection continues in Bryant sex assault case

BY JON SARCHÉ

The Associated Press

EAGLE, Colo. — Attorneys in the Kobe Bryant sexual assault case resumed closed-door questioning of prospective jurors Tuesday, seeking out their attitudes about race, experiences with sexual assault and any effect pretrial publicity has had on them.

On a clear, crisp day in this mountain town, people arrived at the courthouse shortly and in small groups, some carrying pink sheets of paper signifying their status as potential jurors. The first round of questioning on Monday took nearly 10 hours.

District Judge Terry Ruckriegle rejected a media request for access Monday, saying he wanted candidates to feel they could answer questions about potentially embarrassing topics without scrutiny by the press.

Ruckriegle also said Bryant's right to a fair trial and the potential jurors' right to privacy outweigh "qualified" First Amendment rights of access.

Bryant, 26, has pleaded not guilty to felony sexual assault, saying he had consensual sex with a then-19-year-old employee at a Vail-area resort where he stayed last summer. If convicted, the Los Angeles Lakers star faces four years to life in prison or 20 years to life on probation, and a fine up to \$750,000.

Before the questioning began, potential jurors filled out an 82-item questionnaire asking them their feelings about interracial relationships, whether they have had "any negative experience with an African American" and whether they are biased against mental health professionals, among other things. Trial consultant Howard Varinsky of Varinsky Associates said he believes the defense is particularly concerned with people's feelings on whether a defendant must prove he is innocent or whether he should be required to testify.

Prosecutors, he said, will be wary of people who have had negative experiences with law enforcement or the court system.

"Both sides are looking for who to kick," he said.

## Ex-NBA star Barkley under investigation for indecent assault

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Former NBA star Charles Barkley is under investigation for indecent assault, police said Monday.

A woman reported she was assaulted by Barkley at the nightclub 32 Degrees, Cpl. Jim Pauley said.

"We want to stress that no charges have been filed," Pauley said. "This incident is under investigation."

Police received the report at 1:20 a.m. Friday, Pauley said. The investigation is being conducted by the department's Special Victims Unit, and police did not release any details of the allegation.



Charles Barkley

Attempts by The Associated Press to reach Barkley, now a basketball analyst, or his agent were unsuccessful Monday night.

Barkley was a nine-time All-Star and the league's MVP in 1993.

He has been an analyst with cable network TNT since his retirement in 2000.

"On the eve of trial, we are once again reminded that no protections are assured and little efforts are made to correct the evident flaws that have defined this case," Clune said.

Ruckriegle said private questioning will be limited to topics including potential jurors' personal experience with sexual assault, any potential racial prejudice they harbor, whether pretrial publicity has prompted them to form an opinion on Bryant's guilt or innocence, and any familiarity they may have with the alleged victim.

In all, the jury pool includes 276 Eagle County residents — 205 of whom filled out questionnaires Friday and were called back for more questioning this week after attorneys reviewed the answers over the weekend and eliminated about one-third of the original pool of 300. Seventy-one more potential jurors filled out questionnaires Monday.

Jury selection will be private until at least Wednesday, when reporters will be able to watch and listen through closed-circuit television. By then, the jury pool will likely have been whittled considerably. Opening statements are expected Sept. 7.

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# Redskins pick vet Brunell to start at QB

The Associated Press

ASHBURN, Va. — As expected, Joe Gibbs went with the veteran quarterback.

Gibbs on Monday named Mark Brunell the opening-day starter for the Washington Redskins, ending the quarterback battle with last season's starter Patrick Ramsey.

"The thing I want to say about that is how pleased we are with our quarterback situation," Gibbs said. "I just think right now it's time to make a decision. I think we need to spend more time with the quarterback and receivers on timing that we haven't been able to get because we're in-and-out, in-and-out."

Brunell already was scheduled to start the final preseason game Friday against Atlanta. Washington opens the regular season at home against Tampa Bay on Sept. 12.

"It's nice to be at this point," Brunell said. "Hopefully this is something that can launch this offense into the regular season."

Washington traded a third-round draft pick to Jacksonville in the offseason to acquire the 11-year veteran.

Gibbs won all three of his Super Bowls in Washington with experienced quarterbacks like Theismann, Doug Williams and Mark Rypien. Brunell certainly fits that mold better than his career, who has 16 games in his career compared to 31 for Brunell.

Ramsey initially demanded to be traded after the team brought in Brunell. But Gibbs promised him a fair competition for the job and honored his word. Each player was given two starts in the preseason, but Ramsey pressed too hard and never looked as comfortable as Brunell.

"Obviously I'm disappointed," Ramsey said. "I think there are things I could have done better. This is a result of that."

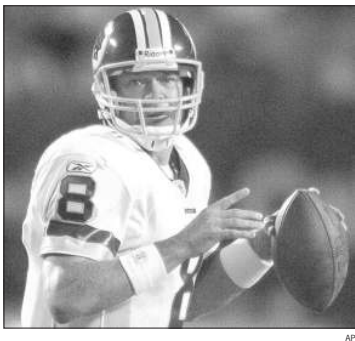
Gibbs said after practice on Monday that he and Ramsey talked for a long time Saturday about his role with the team. Ramsey started 11 games last season before a foot injury sidelined him for the final five.

**Eagles swoop in, sign Douglas**  
PHILADELPHIA — Defensive end Hugh Douglas is returning to the Philadelphia Eagles after a one-year hiatus.

Douglas agreed to a one-year contract for just less than \$1 million on Monday, the same day he was released by the Jacksonville Jaguars. Incentives could make the deal worth as much as \$3.4 million, said his agent, Drew Rosenhaus.

"Hugh desperately wanted to come back to Philadelphia," Rosenhaus said. "He didn't want to waste any time. He's looking forward to getting back to the fans he loves so much."

The Eagles, who confirmed the signing late Monday, lost starting defensive end N.D. Kalu to a season-ending knee injury two weeks ago, and Rosenhaus said Douglas hopes to fill that void.



Mark Brunell (8) has 117 starts to Patrick Ramsey's 16, and that made it easy for coach Joe Gibbs to name Brunell the Redskins' starter.

"With the injury to N.D. Kalu, he's got a great opportunity to fill a hole," Rosenhaus said.

In his last season with the Eagles, Douglas collected 12½ sacks, then parlayed that into a five-year, \$27 million free-agent contract with the Jaguars that included a \$6 million signing bonus.

But things didn't work out in Jacksonville, and Douglas was cut after getting just 31 tackles and 3½ sacks last year.

**Broncos RB Anderson out for season with torn groin**

DENVER — Broncos running back Mike Anderson will miss the entire season because of a groin injury sustained last weekend in an exhibition game against Houston.

Denver coach Mike Shanahan said Anderson tore both muscles in the left groin area off the bone. At this point, a specialist has recommended that Anderson let the injury heal instead of undergoing surgery.

"Anderson will be out in the area of three months, possibly longer," Shanahan said Monday. "So he will be on injured reserve and will be out for the season."

Anderson, a former Marine, was hurt Friday night with 1:56 left in the game while on the punting unit. Shanahan said Anderson wasn't supposed to be in the game covering that punt, but his backup on the punt team was injured. Anderson was shoved from the side as he ran downfield and stepped awkwardly, which caused the injury.

With the loss of Anderson, Garrison Hearst likely becomes Quentin Griffin's primary backup, with rookie Tatum Bell behind them.

**Raiders' Woodson ends holdout**

ALAMEDA, Calif. — Charles Woodson signed the Oakland Raiders' one-year tender for \$8.72 million on Tuesday, joining the team from the first time after a 33-day holdout.

"I guess it's just been long enough," Woodson said. "We tried our different tactics and it's

just been long enough. It's time to get back in and get back to work."

The four-time Pro Bowl cornerback can now begin negotiating the long-term deal he wants.

Coach Norv Turner said Woodson would start and would play nickel back in the Raiders' season-opener Sept. 12 at Pittsburgh.

The Raiders placed the franchise tag on Woodson in February.

**Vikings' Bennett to miss opener**

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. — Running back Michael Bennett will miss the Minnesota Vikings' regular season opener Sept. 12 against Dallas with a right knee sprain and could be out longer.

Bennett, injured in the third quarter of Friday's exhibition win on a low hit by 49ers safety Erik Totten, underwent an MRI exam Saturday that revealed more damage than originally diagnosed.

Coach Mike Tice initially said that Bennett would be "a little iffy" for the Dallas game, but on Monday declared his starting back out for the opener. Tice said he is hoping to get him back for the second game, in Philadelphia.

**Patriots cut QB Miller, put Stubblefield on IR**

FOXBORO, Mass. — The New England Patriots released quarterback Jim Miller and offensive lineman Tim Provost and placed defensive lineman Dana Stubblefield on injured reserve on Tuesday.

The moves reduced New England's roster to 65 players by Tuesday's deadline. It also has roster exemptions for nine players who played in NFL Europe this year.

Miller hadn't played in any of the Patriots' three exhibition games since signing as a free agent last month. His departure leaves New England with Tom Brady, Rohan Davey and Cliff King on quarterback.

Stubblefield has an ankle injury. He signed as a free agent on Aug. 5 after playing for Oakland last season. In 11 NFL seasons, he

also played for San Francisco and Washington.

**Calico sprains both knees**

IRVING, Texas — Tennessee receiver Tyrone Calico sprained both knees Monday night when he was dragged down at the end of a run in the Titans' 20-17 exhibition loss to the Dallas Cowboys.

Calico's legs folded under him when he was tackled from behind by safety Roy Williams as he was going out of bounds on an end-around run in the second quarter. The play was nullified by a holding penalty.

Coach Jeff Fisher said Calico was moving around and seemed OK after the game. But he said both knees would be examined after the team returned home.

**Bills sign backup QB Matthews**

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Shane Matthews signed with the Buffalo Bills on Monday, bolstering the team's banged-up quarterback corps.

Matthews, an 11-year veteran, is expected to immediately take over as Drew Bledsoe's backup, filling in for Travis Brown, who will miss 4-6 weeks with a sprained left knee.

He has started 22 games in his career, completing 59 percent of his attempts with 30 touchdowns and 24 interceptions, and has a career passer rating of 74.4.

Brown was hurt in Saturday's 30-17 loss at Indianapolis, just days after rookie J.P. Losman broke his left leg in practice.

**Falcons rookie cornerback to miss 6-10 weeks**

FLOWERY BRANCH, Ga. — The Atlanta Falcons learned Tuesday that rookie cornerback DeAngelo Hall will miss six to 10 weeks with a small fracture on the left side of his hip.

Hall, the No. 8 overall pick and the first cornerback taken in the

draft, had been designated as the starter on the left side three months ago by coach Jim Mora.

Hall was injured Saturday night after batting down a first-quarter pass intended for Cincinnati receiver Chad Johnson.

**Brady out at least 2 games**

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — The Jaguars will be without tight end Kyle Brady for at least two games.

Brady will have surgery Tuesday to insert a pin into a finger injured Friday. The Jaguars open the season Sept. 12 in Buffalo.

"I don't know if there was ligament damage or anything else, other than he'll be out a minimum of three weeks," coach Jack Del Rio said.

**Sanders reports to Colts**

INDIANAPOLIS — Indianapolis Colts rookie safety Bob Sanders finally reported to practice Monday, ending a monthlong holdout.

The second-round pick signed what is believed to be a four-year deal, but did not participate in any drills and is likely to sit out even more practices.

Sanders was the last NFL draft pick to sign a contract this year.

**Tributes planned for Tillman**

NEW YORK — Pat Tillman, the former Arizona safety killed in Afghanistan, will be honored by the NFL and the Cardinals during the upcoming season.

Players' all 32 teams will wear a decal bearing Tillman's number 40 in games of the second week. Cardinals players will wear it all season.

Tillman also will be honored at halftime during the Cardinals' home opener Sept. 19 against New England.

Tillman left the NFL in 2002 to join the U.S. Army Rangers with his brother Kevin. He was killed April 22 in the Khost province of Afghanistan.

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# Ravens expecting to sign Sanders

## CB arrives in Baltimore for physical

By DAVID GINSBURG

The Associated Press

OWINGS MILLS, Md. — Deion Sanders is prepared to end his retirement and join the Baltimore Ravens.

The seven-time Pro Bowl defensive back arrived Tuesday in Baltimore to take a physical. If he passes, Sanders will sign a one-year contract laden with incentives and work toward playing in the Ravens' season opener Sept. 12 against the Cleveland Browns.

Sanders, 37, played cornerback in his prime, but will be used as a fifth defensive back in Baltimore. "This game is not that complicated. We're going to try to ingrain him as quickly as we can," Ravens coach Brian Billicek said Tuesday morning. "We have to make sure we know where he's at physically. He's here plenty early enough to have an impact."

Sanders' experience will also be invaluable to a defensive unit that will look to him for guidance. During his days with the Atlanta Falcons, San Francisco 49ers, and



Sanders

him come here is an honor," Sanders cornerback Chris McAlister said. "There's so much that you can learn from a Deion Sanders; he's the type of guy that can take a young DB and make him grow up mentally, and prepare him for situations where he otherwise wouldn't get without having the experience himself."

Sanders has not played since the 2000 season, which he spent with the Washington Redskins. He retired on the eve of the team's training camp in 2001, but the Ravens are convinced he's still got enough talent to contribute to their bid to defend the AFC North title and advance to the Super Bowl.

Dallas Cowboys — when he was known as Prime Time Sanders — was one of the best cover cornerbacks in the NFL.

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### NFL scoreboard

#### Preseason standings

##### AMERICAN CONFERENCE

	East	West	Pct	PP	FA
N.Y. Jets	2	1	.667	61	40
Atlanta	2	1	.667	58	39
Buffalo	1	2	.333	48	52
New England	1	2	.333	44	57
Tennessee	2	1	.667	57	38
Indianapolis	2	1	.667	58	65
Jacksonville	2	1	.667	28	29
Houston	2	1	.333	38	69
North	2	1	.667	58	32
Baltimore	2	1	.667	41	63
Cleveland	2	1	.667	43	57
Pittsburgh	2	1	.667	56	51
Cincinnati	1	2	.333	43	60
West	2	1	.667	70	56
Denver	2	1	.667	67	67
Kansas City	2	1	.667	67	65
San Diego	2	1	.333	75	60

##### NATIONAL CONFERENCE

	East	West	Pct	PP	FA
Dallas	2	1	.667	61	55
Washington	2	1	.667	60	60
N.Y. Giants	1	2	.333	64	68
Philadelphia	1	2	.333	70	60
South	3	0	1.000	70	57
Carolina	3	0	.667	64	58
Atlanta	2	1	.667	64	58
New Orleans	2	1	.667	45	30
Tampa Bay	2	1	.667	45	30
North	2	1	.667	66	40
Chicago	2	1	.667	66	40
Minnesota	2	1	.667	70	42
Green Bay	1	2	.333	29	44
Indianapolis	1	2	.333	29	44
West	2	1	.667	50	42
Seattle	2	1	.667	50	42
St. Louis	1	2	.333	45	40
Arizona	0	3	.000	25	78
San Francisco	0	3	.000	33	76

Monday's game					
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San Francisco	at Oakland	St. Louis	at Oakland	San Diego	at San Francisco
Philadelphia	at N.Y. Jets	Atlanta	at Washington	Indianapolis	at Cincinnati
Tampa Bay	at Denver	Miami	at New Orleans	Cleveland	at Pittsburgh
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New York Jets receiver Wayne Chrebet suffered from a variety of ailments in 2003, including post-concussion syndrome. The headaches, nausea and weakness are gone, but a leg injury has kept him out of practice.

# Chrebet still battling back

## After tough 2003 season, Jets receiver being sidelined by leg injury

By BARRY WILNER

The Associated Press

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. — The headaches and nausea and weakness are gone. The post-concussion syndrome that cost Wayne Chrebet half of last season has disappeared.

Yet Chrebet can't get onto the field. He hasn't practiced in two weeks because of a right leg injury and will miss the New York Jets' final preseason game Friday against Philadelphia.

The slow manner in which Chrebet was moving Monday, gingerly placing his leg to the side as he sat, indicated he might be a long way from returning to the field. Perhaps well beyond the Sept. 12 opener against Cincinnati.

But the longest-tenured Jet, now entering his 10th season, isn't saying. He never speaks about current injuries, adhering to coach Herman Edwards' strict policy.

Chrebet does admit to being frustrated though. After the long battle back from the "scary" health problems of 2003, he was eager to storm into this season.

"I guess all in due time, it will

happen," he said with a smile. "I know what it feels like to be there and to get hit. You don't forget."

"Everything in my mind pointed to coming back and chasing that ring. I try not to think about last year. I'd love to be out there, but now I'm just preparing myself as best I can. I had a couple of good weeks of practice, did enough out there to know I am back to my old self."

The Jets certainly hope so. Chrebet has gone from an undrafted free agent who barely made the preseason depth chart in 1995 to a star in New York. He ranks second in team history to Hall of Fame receiver Don Maynard in career catches with 534; Maynard had 627.

One of the better slot receivers in the league, Chrebet has used toughness, guile, moves and just enough speed to remain a force over nearly a decade.

"It's like riding a bicycle when you're a kid," fellow receiver Santana Moss said of being sidelined. "You might not get on one for three years, but you remember how when you do. You'll be a little rusty when you first get out

there, but the more time you've been around, you'll know how to get over it and Wayne does."

"I think we all feed off each other, anyway."

Chrebet hurt his quadriceps on Aug. 16 while making a cut. The injury worsened when blood collected in the knee, Edwards said. Still, Edwards is optimistic about Chrebet, believing the veteran is making every effort to get back into the lineup.

"When you're talking about Wayne, you're talking about a guy who has been playing in the league a long time," Edwards said. "He knows when he can play or not. I need to turn to a guy that when he says he can go, he can go."

For now, all Chrebet can go through is rehab on his leg.

Compared to the uncertainty of post-concussion syndrome, it's a relative breeze.

"Last year, I was trying to feel good again," he said. "And I do. It feels good to be back. I'm only 31, but it feels like I've been here forever, but I'm really just starting my life. It's crazy when you sit there and think about how long I've been here. I'm just looking forward to a good year, a big year."

# Gaining: George off to slow start with Cowboys

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The Titans can clog up the middle and make it tough to run. They were also hoped to play their former teammate. The Cowboys' offensive line is still working out the kinks. And just like they were also hoped to play their former teammate. The Cowboys' offensive line is still working out the kinks. And just like they were also hoped to play their former teammate. The Cowboys' offensive line is still working out the kinks. And just like they were also hoped to play their former teammate.

Which is not to say the Cowboys do not need to see something from George. And quickly.

The offense is starting to come together. Testaverde got sharper as the game progressed. The re-

ceiving corps of Johnson, Terry Glenn and Antonio Bryant made not only a lot of catches, but tough ones. Even the much-maligned offensive line is making strides, as Testaverde did not spend his game swatting Titans away.

What the Cowboys' offense learned last year is you can only go so far with a backluster running game.

If George does not have anything left, and he has 15 carries for 43 yards in the preseason, there are strong indications that rookie Julius Jones can fill the void. He showed a little something in his eight carries, getting 29 yards. He was even more dan-

gerous coming out of the backfield, catching three passes for 31 yards.

"I'm going to use them both," Parcells said. "[Jones] is doing well. I'm going to use them both." George knows this. He is OK with it. He has always been one of those guys.

The final image of George from Monday night was him standing in the middle of the field, accepting hug after hug after hug from his former Titans teammates and coaches.

"It was weird. It definitely was a weird day," George said.

"But this is what it is, and I'm here to make the best of the situation."

# Lesnar cut by Vikings

The Associated Press

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. — Brock Lesnar won't be the next big thing in the NFL — at least not this year.

The former pro wrestling star who hadn't played football in nine years, was cut by the Minnesota Vikings on Monday.

Lesnar developed faster than expected and impressed his teammates with hard work. But his lack of football experience — combined with minimal playing time and a groin injury from an April motorcycle accident — were too much to overcome.

"He gave me a hug," coach Mike Tice said. "He was very happy for the chance."

Lesnar, 27, won the 2000 NCAA heavyweight championship at the University of Minnesota, and gained pro wrestling fame as "The Next Big Thing."

But despite a seven-year, \$45 million WWE contract, he decided to pursue a professional football career. On the eve of training camp, Lesnar signed a one-year contract with the Vikings for \$230,000, the rookie minimum. "When he called me, that's all he asked for, is an opportunity," Tice said. "I think we gave him a good opportunity. If it is what he wanted to do."

Tice declined to speculate about whether Lesnar would be added to the Vikings' practice squad, but said the club would be "proud" to allocate him to the NFL's developmental league.

# Cubs hold ground in wild-card race

## Win vs. Expos is Baker's 1,000th

The Associated Press

**MONTREAL** — Greg Maddux pitched the Chicago Cubs into the lead in the NL wild-card race and gave Dusty Baker a win to remember.

Maddux threw seven shutout innings for his 302nd career win. Baker got his 1,000th victory as a manager and Chicago beat the Montreal Expos 5-2 on Monday night.

"It's special. Not everyone gets to 1,000," said Baker, 1,004-48 in 12 seasons as a big league manager. "It's a nice personal goal."

Maddux (13-8), who became the 22nd pitcher in major league history to reach 300 wins on Aug. 7, scattered five hits, struck out two and walked none. He also went 2-for-3 at the plate, including an RBI single.

"Hitting is the best part of the game," Maddux said. "Seriously, it's such a blast when you get a hit."

LaTroy Hawkins got one out for his 20th save as the Chicago move a half-game ahead of idle San Diego and one game in front of San Francisco in the wild-card standings.

"We needed this victory, especially since San Diego wasn't playing and the Giants had already lost," Baker said. "Now we're in first place in the wild card."

Sammy Sosa hit a two-run dou-

ble off Rocky Biddle (4-8) in the Cubs' four-run third inning.

Termel Sledge hit a two-run homer off Jon Leicesters in the ninth for the Expos, who lost their third straight.

"Things didn't fall our way," Biddle said. "Maddux pitched a great game. There's a lot of things that could have happened in our favor, but they didn't."

The Cubs caught a break in the second inning when plate umpire Ted Barrett called Montreal's Juan Rivera out on a close play at home.

"He just missed the play," Expos manager Frank Robinson said. "It could have changed the complexion of the game."

With runners at second and third and one out, Rivera broke for home on Brian Schneider's grounder. First baseman Derrek Lee's throw home beat Rivera, who was called out despite appearing to touch the plate safely with his left hand as he slid past catcher Pat Bako.

"After looking at the replay, it looks like he made a great slide and got his hand in," Barrett said. "So all I've got to figure out now is next time how to get in a position where I can see that."

**Marlins 6, Mets 4:** At New York, Damon Easley hit a go-ahead two-run homer in the seventh inning and Florida extended its winning streak to four.

Florida overcame a shaky outing by Dontrelle Willis, who allowed three homers for the first time this season.



Houston Astros' Jeff Kent (12) slides safely into home plate to beat the tag from Cincinnati catcher Jason LaRue in the seventh inning. The Astros won 11-3, their seventh win in eight games.

time in his career, including one to Mike Piazza in his return from the disabled list.

Miguel Cabrera also hit a two-run homer and Juan Pierre had four hits for the Marlins (67-62), who moved five games over .500 for the first time since June 29.

Rudy Seanez (2-1) got two outs for the win. Former Met Armando Benítez got three outs for his league-leading 39th save, sending New York to its eighth loss in nine games.

**Astros 11, Reds 3:** At Cincinnati, Brad Ausmus hit a tiebreaking three-run homer off Phil Norton (1-5) in the sixth for the

surging Astros, who have won seven of eight.

Lance Berkman homered twice and drove in four runs for the Astros.

Adam Dunn hit his 40th homer for the Reds, and Felipe Lopez added a two-run shot.

**Pirates 5, Brewers 1:** At Milwaukee, Daryle Ward homered twice and had five RBIs and Pittsburgh sent the Brewers to their 12th straight loss.

Milwaukee tied the game's NL record for consecutive losses, and has scored just seven runs in its last five games. The franchise mark for consecutive losses is 14 in 1994, when the team played in the AL.

# Youngest Drew nears agreement with D-backs

The Associated Press

**TALLAHASSEE, Fla.** — Top Arizona draft pick Stephen Drew decided Tuesday to withdraw from classes at Florida State and continue contract negotiations with the Diamondbacks.

Drew, who was selected with the 15th pick in June's amateur draft, signed up for classes last week but wasn't scheduled to attend until Tuesday. The Diamondbacks would have lost their rights to Drew if he attended a class before agreeing to a contract.

"Stephen Drew and his family feel the two sides can agree on a deal that satisfies both parties," Florida State coach Mike Martin said. "Our hope is always for our young men to be happy, and I do sincerely feel that Stephen Drew will be happy."

Drew was widely considered the top college position player when he entered the draft a year early after hitting .344 with 17 home runs and 56 RBIs for the Seminoles last season.

However, signability was a factor because of his adviser Scott Boras, and Drew slipped into the middle of the first round. Boras, known for being a hard-nosed negotiator, also represents Drew's brothers J.D. and Tim.

J.D. Drew, now an outfielder for the Atlanta Braves, was the No. 2 pick overall by the Philadelphia Phillies in 1997 but spurned the team's offer and re-entered the draft. He was picked and signed by the St. Louis Cardinals the following year.

Tim Drew was Cleveland's first-round pick and is now with Atlanta.

# Piazza seeking stability in Mets lineup

The Associated Press

**NEW YORK** — Mike Piazza wants the New York Mets to get him out of a situation that's been difficult to deal with.

For much of this season, he didn't know whether he'd be at catcher or first base until he got to the ballpark and glanced at the lineup card.

"Hopefully, they figure it out," he said Monday, when he was activated from the disabled list before a 6-4 loss to Florida. "If they want to keep doing what we're doing, fine. If they want to half and half, it's what it is."

Piazza, sidelined since Aug. 6 because of fluid on his left knee, has started 41 games at catcher this year and 49 at first. He was at first base against the Marlins, going 1-for-4 with a third-inning homer off Dontrelle Willis that tied the score at 1.

Mets General Manager Jim Duquette and manager Art Howe met with Piazza before the game to go over what the team expects for the rest of this season.

"We kind of got on the same page," Howe said. "He's going to play a lot at first base, and periodically we'll have him play a game behind the plate."

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**Piazza, who turns 36 on Saturday, isn't sure which position he'd prefer to play.**

"I still like to catch," he said. "But on the same note, I also like the challenge of learning another position. I've enjoyed playing first at times, no question."

## Veteran Borders joins Twins

**SEATTLE** — Veteran catcher Pat Borders was traded to the Minnesota Twins by the Seattle Mariners on Tuesday for minor league outfielder B.J. Garbe.

The 41-year-old Borders, the MVP of the 1992 World Series with the Toronto Blue Jays, hit 189 with one home run and five RBIs in 19 games with the Mariners this season.

## Borjas star names son after ballpark that boos him

**ATLANTA** — Despite all the boos, Chipper Jones will always love Shea.

So fond of Shea Stadium where the fans twice booed him, the Atlanta star named his new son after the New York Mets' ballpark Monday — Shea Logan Jones.

"I love playing there," Jones said. "Check the numbers."

Jones has hit 17 home runs at Shea, his highest total at a visiting park.

Jones was with his wife, Sharon, for the birth of their third child Monday.

## Cubs acquire C DiFelice

**MONTREAL** — The Chicago Cubs acquired backup catcher Mike DiFelice from the Detroit Tigers on Tuesday for a player to be named.

The deal came on the final day for teams to obtain players and have them be eligible for postseason rosters.

DiFelice spent most the season with Triple-A Toledo, hitting .270 with 36 RBIs in 64 games.

## White Sox release Jackson

**CHICAGO** — Reliever Mike Jackson, whose 1,005 career appearances rank eighth all-time among pitchers, was put on waivers by the Chicago White Sox on Monday for the purpose of giving him his unconditional release.

Jackson, 39, was 2-0 with a 5.01 ERA in 45 appearances for Chicago this season, his 19th in the major leagues.

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# Gaining ground slowly

## Running back George not yet part of Cowboys' big picture

BY JENNIFER FLOYD ENGEL  
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

IRVING, Texas — The "Monday Night Football" cameras kept returning to Eddie George.

They caught the Cowboys running back in various typical-athlete-standing-on-the-side-line poses. Laughing with teammates. Standing pensively, by himself. Talking to a coach.

Each time, right below his image, was another damning statistic: Only twice in George's eight-year career has he averaged more than four yards per carry.

Last season's 3.3 yards-per-carry average was his second-worst average.

He had four rushes for three yards in the Cowboys' 20-17 victory over his former team, the Tennessee Titans, on Monday night.

The images seemed to be hammering on a point that many in the NFL had been making all off-season: George might not have anything left.

"I'm not trying to prove anything to anyone," George said. "I've accomplished a lot. I know what I can do. I know what I still have left."

Who has what left? And is it enough? These have been the questions du jour for the Cowboys offense every year since they signed the 102 years of starters in the off-season.

All signs, through two preseason games at least, pointed to U-I-O.

Quarterback Vinny Testaverde (40) looked out of sync, while receiver Keyshawn Johnson (32) had patches of rust and George (30) seemed at a loss about his lost step.

Coach Bill Parcells talked of patience and needing time. Monday's game against Tennessee was supposed to provide a better indication.

If so, do not worry about Johnson. He looks primed to make a fool out of Tampa Bay coach Jon Gruden after catching eight passes for 81 yards in the first half. Testaverde, as well, appears to be on his way to proving Jets offensive coordinator Paul Hackett wrong, after a 17-for-24, 240-yard performance that included a touchdown as well as an interception.

George — well, George's four carries for three yards left more questions than it an-



Dallas Cowboys RB Eddie George (27) is grabbed by Tennessee Titans' Rocky Calmus (54) during the first quarter of the Cowboys' 20-17 exhibition victory in Irving, Texas, on Monday.

swered.

Monday's game was supposed to be George's chance to show the Titans that they had made a mistake when they waived him in June. They weren't right. He isn't done.

Except, on Monday, he looked at times like he was.

Watching George run was almost like watching a bull at the end of a bullfight. He looked a step slow, a little tired and unable to take advantage of the few holes that were there. Parcells said it was more a problem of the Cowboys not really trying to establish the run.

"I know (the Titans) had a quick, aggressive front," Parcells said. "I tried to attack them in a way that gives us a chance to move the ball better."

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George hugs former teammate Brad Hopkins (72) after Monday's game. George rushed four times for 3 yards against his former team.



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Average George						
Eddie George has rushed for more than 4 yards a carry only twice in his NFL career. His career rushing statistics:						
Year	Team	G	GS	Att	Yards	Avg
1996	Houston	16	16	335	1368	4.1
1997	Tennessee	16	16	397	1399	3.5
1998	Tennessee	16	16	348	1294	3.7
1999	Tennessee	16	16	320	1304	4.1
2000	Tennessee	16	16	403	1509	3.7
2001	Tennessee	16	16	315	929	3.0
2002	Tennessee	16	16	343	1165	3.4
2003	Tennessee	16	16	312	1031	3.3
TOTAL		128	128	2733	10009	3.7

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